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# Friends at Court

#### **GLEANINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR**

nly 26, Sunday. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

27, Monday. 28, Tuesday. St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor. St. Victor I., Pope and Martyr. ...

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29. Wednesday St. Felix II., Pope and Martyr Blessed Urban 11., Pope and 30. Thursday.

Confessor. ., 31, Friday. St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor.

August 1, Saturday. St. Peter's Chains.

St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Anne is proposed to the faithful as a perfect model of a wife and mother, and as special patron of those who have entered into the married state, or are entrusted with the care of children.

St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor.

St. Vincent was born in the South of France. Having been ordained priest, his heart was touched by the state of spiritual destitution in which he found the remoter country districts of France. The remedy for this appeared to him to be a series of retreats or missions, by which the people might be taught their duties to God and man, and at the same time carnestly exhorted to fulfil them. For this purpose St. Vincent instituted a congregation of priests, popularly known in English-speaking countries as Vincentians. He was also led by a spirit of ardent charity to found numerous hospitals, asylums, and orphanages, and to establish confraternities for the education of youth, the service of the sick, and the relief of the destitute. St. Vincent died in 1660, at the age of 85.

St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor.

St. Ignatius was born at the castle of Loyola, in the north of Spain. He was at first a soldier, but, feeling himself called to a more perfect life, he began, at the age of 33, to study Latin, with the object of becoming a priest. He completed his studies at the University of Paris, where he gained the affectionate esteem of several young students, who were afterwards the first members of the religious Order which he founded, and which is known as the Society of Jesus. St. Ignatius was its first Superior, and held that office from 1541 (5 1556.

#### **GRAINS OF GOLD.**

IN EXPECTATION. He comes, He comes, the promised One! O Sion, lift your gates! Let watchers call from turret tall: The King of glory waits!

He comes with power in His hand, This Ruler from afar.

O hail the King, whom angels sing. Whose herald is a Star!

This form is as of Libanus, His face is as the sun.

Enlargements

Behold, Ife waits! Lift up your gates ! He comes, the Holy One!

The Prince of all the heavenly host Is here, O blessed day!

Make haste each heart, lest He depart And come no more this way.

- - Ave Maria.

Go to God as children go to their parents, full of reverence yet confident withal. Go to Him as a dutiful child would; tell Him your joys and sorrows, your temptations, your struggles and your shortcomings. Go, acknowledging the coldness of your heart in His Holy Presence. He is a fire of love while your heart is cold.

#### STAND FAST IN THE FAITH'

(A Weekly Instruction specially written for the N.Z. Tablet by GILMEL, )

#### EARLY HISTORY OF THE CHURCH (VIL)

(Continued.)

The events litherth described Pentceost, the Martyrdom of St. Stephen, the conversion of St. Paul, the reception of the pagans into the Church by St. Peter took place between the years 30 and 42. We must be content with these rough dates, for more detailed information is not given us in early Christian literature.

During the same period events had been moving rapidly in the civil government of Palestine. Pontius Pilate, of sad memory, was called to Rome by the Emperor Tiberius to answer certain accusations of cruelty, and was banished by Caius Caligula, the successor of Tiberius, to Vienne, on the Rhone, and there is a wild rugged mountain by the Lake of Lucerne in Switzerland, where the unhappy man who delivered the Son of God to be crucified is said to have killed him-self in despair. In the year 42, Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great, and brother of the infamous Herodias, was made king of Judea -he had been governor of the tetrachies of Philip and of Herod Antipas (the country beyond the Jordan and Galilee) for some years. He reigned three years.

During the first years after the conversion of St. Paul, the Churches throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had rest from persecution, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost were multiplied ' (Acts ix., 31). But suon the Christian communities felt the lash of persecution. Herod Agrippa half Jew, half pagan wishing to ingratiate himself with his Jewish subjects, and especially with the leaders of the priestly aristocracy, willingly agreed to wipe out the new sect. One of the apostles, James, son of Zebedee, sometimes spoken of as St. James the Great, was put to the sword. Two centuries later St. Clement of Alexandria wrote down the tradition of his martyrdom : The man who led St. James to the judgment seat saw him bearing his testimony to the faith and was so moved by it that he confessed himself a Christian. He was, therefore, led away to die with the Apostle. On their way he entreated James to forgive him; the Apostle, after a few moments' thought, replied, "Peace be to thee," and kissed him; and both were beheaded together." St. Peter was also arrested, and the same fate was destined for him, only with this addition however that his death was to entertain the people after the Pasehal Feast. But in answer to the unceasing prayers of the faithful, he was released from prison by an angel, and leaving Jerusalem, went into another place.

Herod died shortly after, in the year 44. The story is told in the Acts, and we cannot but notice the contrast between the fate of Saul, who persecuted the Church ignorantly in unbelief, and that of the king of Judea, who 'saw it pleased the Jews.' 'And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and there abode. And upon an appointed day, Herod being arrayed in kingly apparel, sat in the judgment seat, and made an oration to them. And the people made acclamation, saying, It is the voice of God, and not of a man. And forth-with an angel of the Lord struck him, because he had not given the honor to God; and being eaten up by worms, he gave up the ghost.

After the death of Herod, Judea was again made a Roman province, procurators were sent to govern it, and for a while the Catholics enjoyed a certain measure of peace. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven most probably took place during these days of peace. Her pure body could not taste the corruption of the tomb - her all-powerful Son would not permit such an indignity : Queen of Heaven, she must enter by the royal way.

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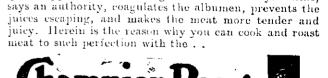
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A very old tradition tells us that it was about this time the Apostles, who had hitherto remained together in derusalem, separated. The persecution of Herod, which was especially directed against them, would explain their departure: and in any case it was time to set about fulfilling the Lord's commands to 'go and teach all nations,' for the dows as a body gave no sign of receiving the Gospel message and the pagan world sorely needed light and grace. According to tradition (borne on by many hints in the Epistles), the Apostles, before separating, drew up a 'standard of faith,' similar to, if not in the exact words of the Ureed, known to us now as the 'Apostles' Creed.'

> The Storyteller MOONDYNE

(By JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.)

(Continued.)

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#### MILLBANK.

Arrived in London, he proceeded at once to the Colonial Office, and left his letters for the Secretary, and with them his address in the metropolis. He went through the same routine with the dispatches for the Prison Directors. Then, though his heart craved instant action, he was forced to exercise his patience, to wait until these high and perhaps heedless officials were pleased to recognise his presence.

The great city was a wonder to him ; but in his intense pre-occupation he passed through it as if it had been familiar from childhood. On the day after his arrival, not expecting an answer from the officials, one of whom, the Colonial Secretary, was a Cabinet Minister, he tried to interest himself in the myriad strangenesses of London. He visited Westminster Abbev and the British Museum. But, everywhere, his heart beat the same dolorous key; he saw the white face, the slight cronching figure in the dock, the brown hair bowed in agony and disgrace. On the walls of the great picture-gallery the gilded frames held only this pitiful scene. Among the tombs of the kings in Westminster, he thought of her ruined life and shattered hope, and envied, for her sake, the peace of the sleeping marble knights and ladies.

All day, without rest or food, he wandered aimlessly and wretchedly through the sculptured magnificence of the galleries. When the night closed, he found himself, almost unconscious of how he had come to the place, or who had directed him thither, walking with bared and feverish brow beneath a high and gloomy wall the massive outer guard of Millbank Prison.

Hour sped after hour, yet round and round the shadowy, silent precipice of wall the afflicted heart wandered with tireless feet. It was world to think how near she was, and to touch the silent granite--yet it was a thousand times more endurable than the torture and fear that were born of absence.

Surely, if there be any remote truth in the theory of psychic magnetism, the afflicted soul within those walls must have felt the presence of the loving and suffering heart without, which sent forth unceasingly select cries of sympathy and comfort. Surely, if communiou of living spirits be possible, the dream of the lonely prisoner within must have thrilled with tenderness when his fevered lips were pressed as lovingly to the icy stone of the prison wall, as once they were pressed to her forehead in affectionate farewell.

R. V. C. Harris

Back to his hotel, when morning was beginning to break, the lonely watcher went, spiritless and almost despairing. The reaction had begun of his extreme excitement for the past four days. He passed along the lonesome river, that hurried through the city like a thici in the night, flashing under the yellow quaylights, then diving suddenly beneath dark arches or among slimy keels, like a hunted murderer escaping to the sea. Wild and incoherent fancies flashed through Will's feverish mind. Again and again he was forced to steady himself, by placing his hand on the parapet, or he should have fallen in the street, like a drunken man.

At last he reached his hotel, and flung himself on his bed, prayerless, friendless, and only saved from despair by the thought of an affliction that was deeper than his, which he, as a man and a faithful friend, should be strong to relieve and comfort. It was past moon when he woke. The fever had

It was past noon when he woke. The fever had passed, and much of the dejection. While dressing, he was surprised to find his mind actively at work forming plans and surmises for the day's enterprise.

At breakfast, a large official letter was brought him. It was a brief but unofficially-cordial message from the Colonial Secretary, Lord George Somers, appointing an hour 2 o'clock that day -when he should be happy to receive Mr. Sheridan at the Colonial Office.

Under other circumstances such an appointment would have thrown off his balance a man so unused to social or formal ways as this stranger from Australia, whose only previous training had been on a merchant ship. But now, Will Sheridan prepared for the visit without thinking of its details. His mind was fastened on a point beyond this meeting.

Even the formal solemnity of the powdered servant who received him had no disturbing effect. Will Sheridan quite forgot the surroundings, and at length, when ushered into the presence of the Colonial Secretary, his native dignity and intelligence were in full sway, and the impression he made on the observant nobleman was instantaneous and deep.

He was received with more than courtesy. Those letters, Lord Somers said, from Australia, had filled him with interest and desire to see a man who had achieved so much, and who had so rapidly and solidly enriched and benefited the Colony.

The Colonial Secretary was a young man for his high position certainly not over forty, while he might be still younger. He had a keen eye, a mobile face, that could turn to stony rigidity, but withal a genial and even frank countenance when conversing cordially with this stranger, whom he knew to be influential, and who certainly was highly entertaining.

Will Sheridan was soon talking fluently and well. He knew all about the Penal Colony, the working of the old penal system and the need of a new one, the value of land, and the resources of the country, the capabilities for commerce; and all this the Secretary was most anxious to learn.

After a long interview, Sheridan rose to take leave, and the Secretary said he hoped to see a great deal of him before his return to Australia, and told him plainly that the opinions of a settler of wealth and intelligence on colonial matters in Western Australia were just then of special importance to the Government. He also wished it were in his power to give Mr. Sheridan pleasure while he remained in England.

There was only one thought in Sheridan's mind alt this time, and now was the moment to let it work. He said he desired very much to visit the convict prisons in England, and compare the home system with that of the Penal Colony.

The minister was gratified by the request, and, smiling, asked which prison he would visit first. Will mentioned Millbank; and the minister with his own hand wrote a few lines to the governor, and handed the paper to his visitor.

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There is something strange, almost unaccountable, and yet terrible, in the change that appears in half a century in the building of prisons. Eew people have Athought of this, perhaps: but it contains a suggestion of a hardening of hearts and a lessening of sentiment. The old prisons were dark and horrible, even in aspect : while the new ones are light and airy. In the latter the bar takes the place of a wall and the bar is often ornamented with cast-iron flowers and other sightly but sardonic mockery. Better the old dungcon, with all its gloom : better for the sake of humanity. The new prison is a cage-a hideous hive of order and commonplace severity, where the flooding sunlight is a derision, and the barred door only a securer means of confinement. For the sake of sentiment, at least, let us have the dismal old keep, that proclaims its mission on its dreadful brow, rather than the grinning bar-gate that covers its teeth-like rails with vulgar metal efflorescence

The great penitentiary of Millbank is, or rather was, an old-fashioned prison, its vast arched gateway sombre and awful as a tomb. It has disappeared now, having been pulled down in 1875: but those who visited it once, or who even passed it, will never forget the oppression caused by its grated and frowning portal. In the early part of this century, the Government of Great Britain determined to build an immense penitentiary, on the plan baid down by Jeremy Bentham un his celebrated 'Panopticon, or the Inspection House.' Bentham's scheme proposed a colossal prison, which should contain all England's convicts and dispense entirely with transportation. The Government, acting on his plan, purchased a large and unhealthy tract of flat land, lying beside the Thames, and on this the unique structure was raised. The workmen were ten years in completing it; but when it was finished, Englishmen said that it was the model prison of the world.

And it certainly was a great improvement on the older prisons, where those confined were often herded, many in a room, like cattle - the innocent with the guilty, the young and pure with the aged and the foul. In Millbank, every prisoner had his or her own cell—a room of stone, walls, ceiling, and floor, with a large and heavily-barred window. Each cell was eight feet square. The prison was built in six vast pentagons, radiating from a central hexagon, from which every cell was visible.

The entrance to the prison, from the street, was a wonder of architectural gloom. First, there was a dark archway of solid masoury, from the roof of which, about six feet from the portal, sprang a heavy grate or portcullis, with spear-points apparently ready to fall and cut the unfortunate off for ever from the world. Far within the arch appeared a mighty iron gate, ponderously barred, with an iron wieket, through which an armed warder could be seen on sentry, within the yard.

These details were not noticed by Will Sheridan as he entered the echoing archway; but he was chilled nevertheless, by the cold shadow of the surroundings. The warder within came to the wicket, and took the letter, leaving Will outside. In a few minutes, he found that his introduction was an 'open sesame.' The governor of Millbank hinself, an important gentleman in a black uniform with heavy gold facings, came speedily to the wicket, the ponderous bars were flung hack, the awful door rolled aside, and Will Sheridan entered. The governor was very gracious to his distinguished visitor. On learning his desire to see the arrangements of the prison he himself became the guide.

An hour was spent in the male side of the establishment, which was an age to Will Sheridan. While the governor thought his attention was engaged in observing the features or motions of some caged malefactor, the mind and fancy of the visitor were far otherwise employed. He did not see the wretched, erime-stained countenances in the cells he passed; but in every one he saw the white face, brown hair, and the crouching figure that filled his mind.

At last the governor asked him to visit the female prison, in which the discipline was necessarily different. They passed through a long parameter built in the

They passed through a long passage built in the wall, and entered the corridors of the female prison. Sheridan's heart beat, and the blood fled from his

face, leaving him ghastly pale, as he passed the first iron door. He feared the governor might notice his agitation: and he wondered how he should learn whether Alice were there or not.

As he walked down the corridor he noticed that on every door was hung a white card, and, approaching he read the name, crime, and sentence of the prisoner printed thereon. This was a relief to him; as he walked he read the name on every card, and on and on they went, up stairs and down, and round and round the pentagons, until he thought she surely was not in the prison, and the governor concluded that his visitor evidently meant to see all that was to be seen.

When the last corridor on the ground floor was entered, Will read every name on the doors with a despairing persistence, and his heart sunk within him as he came to the last.

The governor opened the door at the end of the passage, and they entered a light, short corridor, with large and pleasantly-lighted cells. Here, the governor said, were confined those prisoners, who, by extreme good conduct, had merited less severe treatment than the others.

Will Sheridan's heart leapt within him, for he knew that this was the place he should see her.

On the doors were simply printed the names and sentences of the occupants; and at the fourth door Will stopped, and read the card:  $\cdots$ 

# ALICE WALMSLEY LIFE:

Seeing him pause, and intently examine the card, the governor beckoned to the female warder, who was in the passage, to come and open the door.

The woman approached, the key in her hand, and stood aside until the gentlemen withdrew from the door. Will turned and read her intention, and with a shudder he put her back with his hand.

'No, no, not her,' he said hurriedly; then recollecting himself: 'No, no, the prisoners do not like to be stared at.'

Next moment, before he could think of the consequences, he turned again, and speaking rapidly, said: 'I am wrong. I should like to see—I should like to see the interior of this cell.'

The lock clicked back, the heavy iron door swung open, and William Sheridan saw Alice Walmsley before him.

She had been sewing on something coarse and white, and a heap of the articles lay at her feet. As the door opened, she stood up from the low seat on which she had sat in the centre of the stoue-floored cell, and with her eyes on the ground, awaited the scrutiny of the visitors, according to prison discipline.

Will Sheridan took in the whole cell at once, although his eyes only rested on her face. She never looked on him, but stood in perfect calmness, with her eyes east down.

She was greatly changed, but so differently changed to Will's expectations, that he stood amazed, stunned. He had pictured her fragile, broken, spiritless, wretched. There she stood before him, grown stronger than when he had known her, quiet as a statue, with a face not of happiness, but of intensified peace, and with all that was beautiful in her as a girl increased a thousand-fold, but subdued by suffering. Her rich brown hair had formerly been cut close, but now it had grown so long that it fell to her shoulders. Her face was colorless for want of open air and sunshine. A casual observer would have said she was happy.

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Something of her peace fell upon William Sheridan as he looked upon her. Suddenty he was recalled to consciousness by a simple movement of hers as if averse to inspection. His heart quickened with fear and sorrow for his impulsive action in entering the cell, for now he would give all he possessed that she should not look upon his face. He turned from her quickly and walked out of the cell, and he did not look round until he heard the heavy door swing into its place.

When he had walked so far from the cell that she could not hear his voice, he asked the governor what work these privileged prisoners were engaged in, and was almost startled into an exclamation of astonishment when the governor answered :---

They are just now engaged on a pleasant task for themselves. They are making their outfit for the Penal Colony.

'Is she is that prisoner going to the Penal Colony ?' asked Will Sheridan, scarcely able to control his emotion.

Yes, sir: she and all those in this pentagon will sail for Western Australia in the next convict ship,' said the governor. We shall send three hundred men and fifty women in this lot.

'When does the ship sail?' asked the visitor, still apparently examining the door-cards.

'On the 10th of April just three months hence,' auswered the covernor.

With his eves fixed on a ponderous door, which he did not see, Will Sheridan made a sudden and imperative resolution.

'I shall return to Australia on that convict ship," were the words that no one heard but his own soul.

'I thank you, sir, for your courtesy and attention.' he said, next moment, to the governor : ' and as I wish to examine more closely the working of your system, I shall probably trouble you again."

The governor assured him that his visits to the prison would be at all times considered as complimentary; and Will Sheridan walked from Millbank with a firmer step and a more restful spirit than he had known for ten years.

(To be continued.)

#### Wanganui

#### (From an occasional correspondent.)

Julv 11.

A very successful eachre party was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Thursday evening. Prizes were won by Mr. W. Carroll and Miss O'Learv. Mr. J. Roche, the hou, secretary, must be congratulated on the success of the evening.

On Sunday, July 19, the members of St. Mary's (Wanganui) and St. Joseph's (Aramoho) conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will approach the Holy Table in a body at the 7.30 o'clock Mass. In the evening there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, a charity sermon, and procession.

Following are the results of the theoretical examinations held in Wanganui by the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and the R.C.M., London :- Higher Division—Harmony (full marks, 150; distinction, 130; pass, 100): Kathleen Delahunty (Convent), 119; Grammar of Music (full marks, 99; pass, 66). – Division I.: Freda Death (Convent), 89; Madge Singh (Convent), 86; Lena Bretherton (Convent), 79. Division II.: Eileen Clinton, 99: Olive Martin, 99; Laura Harris, 98; Ellen Punch, 96; Mona Mack, 94; Mavis Card, 92; Cecilia Thurston, 91; Laura Brosnahan, 89; Mary Kavanagh, 87; Pauline Best, 86.

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# **ROME LETTER**

#### (From our own correspondent.)

Rome, May 30, 1914.

#### CENTENARY OF THE RETURN OF PIUS VII.

Even with the grandeur of the Consistory still before our eyes, we must not allow the centennial celebration of the return to Rome of Pius VII. on May 24, 1814, after five years of captivity to glide, without mentioning a few incidents of his triumphal procession from the Milvian Bridge, two miles from the Portadel Popolo to St. Peter's and the Quirinal. His carriage, drawn by 72 young Roman nobles, was surrounded by the Sacred College, the Roman Senate, the envoys of England, Austria, Spain, the King of Naples, the Austrian and Neapolitan cavalry. The aged Pontiff went first, that beautiful May evening one hundred years ago, to St. Peter's to give God thanks for his Then with all Rome surging through the release. streets the carriage set out for the Quirinal, the Papal And old chroniclers tell us as the summer palace. Pontiff passed through the Piazza del Popolo a young man of twenty years broke through the crowd and threw himself on his knees, with tears rolling down his cheeks, to receive the Pope's ble-sing. That was Count Giovanni Maria Mastai, who, thirty-one years after wards was to mount the Papal throne as Pius the Ninth. Then the carriage moved along to the Piazza del Gesu, in which a tribune had been erected for the accommodation of ladies. Among the ladies was Anna Pecci, with her two sons, Peppino and Nino, aged eight and five years respectively, who reached out their hands to touch the Pope's carriage. Of these boys the elder was to be known to Italy 64 years after as Cardinal Pecci, while the younger was to be loved as Pope Leo XIII. On reaching the Quirinal ten minutes later, Pius VII, observed Napoleon's officers had re-moved the statues of SS, Peter and Paul and other saints, which they replaced by those of Venus, Jupiter, and other deities. 'Every one to his faney,' he remarked with an amused smile, and passed into his own home once more.

#### TITLES AND CONGREGATIONS ASSIGNED TO THE NEW CARDINALS.

At the conclusion of the Public Consistory the other day, the Holy Father published the names of the churches in Rome from which each of the new cardinals will take his title, also of the Roman Congregations to which each is assigned as follows

Cardinal Horning, Order of Priests, Hungary, Title of S. Agues Outside the Walls: the S. Congregations of the Council and of Propaganda.

Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, Title of S. Vitale; the S. Congregations of Religious and of Propaganda.

Cardinal Della Chiesa, Title of SS. Quattro Coronati al Pincio; S. Congregation of the Council of the Ceremoniale.

Cardinal Bettinger, Title of S. Marcello; S. Congregation of the Sacraments and Rites.

Cardinal Sevin, Lyons: Title of S. Trinita al Pincio: S. Congregation of Studies and the Consistorial.

Cardinal Hartmann, Cologue: Title of S. John at the Latin Gate; S. Congregation of the Sacraments and the Consistorial.

#### Order of Deacons.

Cardinal Tecchi, Rome: Title of S. Maria in Dom-

inica; S. Congregation of Rites and the Consistorial. Cardinal Giustini, Rome: Title of S. Angelo in Pescheria; S. Congregations of the Sacraments and of

Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs. Cardinal Lega, Rome: Title of S. Eustacchio; S. Congregations of the Council and Studies.

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#### Salient Points of the Pope's Discourse.

After the ccremony of imposing the red hat on the new Cardinals the other day in the Vatican, the Holy Father, responding to their expression of thanks for their election to the Senate of the Church, addressed to his newly elected lieutenants a stirring discourse. Let me just give the salient points of what Pius X, said: (1) The sorrow at the death of so many Cardinals since the Consistory of 1911 is tempered by the consolation of being able to fill up the ranks of the Sacred College by men notable for piety, learning and zeal. (2) Never was the Church in more need of champions than now, not only from enemies without the fold but from many within. (3) Nowadays many seek to conciliate faith with a false modern spirit that leads not only to the weakening but to the total loss of faith. (4) This tendency includes a claim to correct and set right the Church. (5) Often the Pope's warnings have been misunderstood and misinterpreted. (6) The true friends of the Pontiff are those who obey him, not those who study how to evade his orders and oblige him by insistence worthy of a better cause to grant exemptions that are painful, pernicious, and tend to cause scandal. (7) In these circumstances the Pope needs the solid aid of the new Cardinals. (8) The Pope approves of Catholic associations that aim also at material ends, hut moral and religious objects must always have first place in them. Mixed associations, alliances with non-Catholics for material objects are allowed in certain definite conditions, but Pius X, has special love for the purely Catholic associations.

#### What the Pope Did Not Mean,

One of the tricks adopted by anti-Catholies and half Catholics of late years is to pretend to read offence between the lines in public utterances of Pius X. We all recall the storm in a teapol raised on the publication of the Encyclical on St. Charles Borromeo a few years ago. What wonder is it, then, that the Vatican organ finds it necessary to publish this note : "We have seen that some journals, commenting on the address delivered last Wednesday by the Holy Father to the new Cardinals have insinuated, either for the purpose of confusing ideas and perturbing minds, or for other ends, that his Holiness, in referring to permicious exemptions or dispensations which are obtained from him by insistence, wished to allude to the anti-modernistic oath in Germany. This is absolutely false, and to us it seems a mistake in this regard cannot be possible. The only passage in that speech that refers in a particular manner to Germany (although not to it exclusively) is that on mixed associations, and in this the. Sovereign Pontiff has only confirmed once more the principles unfolded by him in the Encyclical "Singulari quadam.' With this we hope to cut short all possible erroneous interpretations on the point."

#### Notes.

In conversation with this writer on the Irish question, his Emineuce Cardinal O Connell, Archbishop of Boston, declared the news of the passing of the Third Reading of the Home Rule Bill afforded him the most profound consolation.

Next week this column will contain a sketch of the life of Mgr. Cerretti, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, whom Pius X. has preconised Titular Archbishop.

To-day the Most Rev. Archbishop Harty, of Manila, arrived at Rome as guest of the Church of S. Silvestro in Capite.

Though Miss Gould has withdrawn from the matrimonial tangle which is now three years before the S. Tribunal of the Rota, the case is far from being fluished yet. In Mgr. Nazareni Patrizi Miss Gould, or Madame Castellane, has an earnest advocate who intends fighting on in her interests without thought of self interest. The case now lies between Count Boni di Castellane versus the defender of the Matrimonial bond, but Mgr. Patrizi will continue to watch the case on behalf of his late client, even without a brief.

The Bishop of Sale, Australia, has arrived at Rome with Rev. Fathers Martin and Hegarty.

S. F. ABURN

#### Rome, June 6, 1914. WHEREIN NATHAN SINNED.

Lest anyone should give credit to Nathan, representative of Italy at the Panama Pacific Exposition, in case he poses as an innocent victim of hot receptions in America, here are the specific charges against this low type of Cockney: (1) On September 20, 1911, addressing the concourse of Italians gathered at the Porta Pia in memory of the taking of Rome, Nathan made insulting references to the Pope and the Catholic Church. That very evening Pius X, wrote an indignant letter to the Cardinai Vicar of Rome, complaining that a public servant should make such vile references to the Papacy in the city that should be his tranquil abode. The Italian Government, instead of reproving Nathan, kept silent on the outrage. (2) The insult was re-iterated on September 20, 1912, in a modified form. (3) Under Nathan's administration the walls of the churches of Rome, with few exceptions, were let out as hoardings at 30 france a year to advertisers. (4) Nathan has prevented for several years religious instruction from being taught in the elementary schools. And though the law gave parents the use of the edifices to have the Catechism taught, Nathan, while Mayor of Rome, continued, by trickery and red tape, to frustrate this regulation. This has been remedied since his fall from power. (5) Suppression of the small salary allowed by the Municipality to the Capachin Order for the work of its priests in accompanying the Municipal hearses that earry to the cemetery at midnight the hodies of the poor. (6) As ex-Grand Master of Italian Masonry, Nathan, repudiated by most self respecting Israelites, supported by a clique of Socialists and Radicals, has persistently used the office of Mayor to injure the Church.

# THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION TO AUSTRALASIA.

Both to Americans and Australasians a brief sketch of the life of Mgr. Cerretti, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, will be of interest:

Archbishop-elect Cerretti is now close on forty-two years of age, being born in the town of Orvieto in the Papal States, of an excellent family. His student days were passed in the Vatican Seminary, Rome, where his studious life and manners soon attracted the notice of his superiors. While in the Vatican Seminary the future Archbishop attended lectures in Canon Law and Theology in the Papal University of S. Apollinare in both of which subjects he gained the degree of doctor, After his ordination, Dr. Cerretti frequented the Royal University Della Sapienza, where he became a Doctor of Literature, which subject he professed in the Vatican Seminary for the next few years.

So much for his academic life. Now for his diplomatic career.

Shortly after taking the Chair of Literature, a position fell vacant in the S. Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, to which Leo X111, was recommended to appoint him. Here Mgr. Cerretti labored till ordered to the Argentine Republic in company with the Papal Nuncio. His next post of duty was Mexico, in the capacity of secretary to the Apostolic Delegate, who was raised to the Sacred College at the recent Consistory, in the person of Cardinal Serafini. On the completion of his term in Mexico, Pope Pius X, despatched Mgr. Cerretti as auditor to the Delegation of Washington, where he has had excellent tuition in the offices of Cardinal Martinelli and Archbishop Bonzano.

In person Mgr. Cerretti is of medium size, and is strongly built. 'He is a diplomat born,' observed a class-fellow of his, Mgr. Rella of the Sistine Choir, to the writer the other day, 'And he won't talk much.'

The Delegate Apostolic will not reach Australasia until towards the end of the year. Bishop Phelan, of Sale, Australia, informs the writer that the American Cardinals and Bishops whom he met in Rome these days have given him glowing accounts of the urbanity and business ability of Mgr. Cerretti.

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#### HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE.

Whoseever is the hand which has written the article on Australia and Catholicity in the *Corrace* of Rome, it belongs to one who knows that continent well but wishes to deprive the 1 wish race of the credit due to it for what it has done to build up the Church under the Southern Cross. However, Bishop Phelan writes to the same paper to give honor where honor is due:

#### .º Hotel de Russie, June 4, 1914.

\* Dear Mr. Editor of the Correct of Halat, Permit an Australian Bishop who has come to Rome for his ad limina visit to express in the name of the other bishops, the clergy, and the Catholic laity of Australia, his deep feelings of gratitude for the flattering words which appeared in the Couriers d'Halin vesterday morning, under the heading "Rome and Australia" concerning the condition and the progress of the Catholic Church in that country - I should like to add a few more words to give your readers a more adequate idea of the marvellous change that has taken place in the Church in Australia during the last century. As a matter of fact, Fathers Therry and Connolly were not the first priests to come to Australia. Three priests had already been deported there in the sad days of persecution. They took advantages of their situation to exercise their ministry to the few Catholics of the country: but this was prohibited, and they were severely punished. Just one century ago, another Irish priest, Father Flynn, went out to his Catholie fellowcountrymen in Australia. As soon as the civil authorities got wind of his presence he was told that all the colonists had to be Protestants and that no Catholie priest would be tolerated in the country. He was then suddenly arrested and sent off to England so quickly that he had not even time to take the Most Blessed Sacrament from the house where he kept it to administer it to the sick. As there was no other priest, the owner of the house kept a light burning for two years before the Blessed Sacrament, and here the faithful came in secret to adore it. Such intelerance and cruelty raised such a storm in Parliament that the Government had to abandon this attitude, and so at last Fathers Therry and Connolly were permitted to land in Australia. The Irish Catholic, by name Davis, in whose house the Most Blessed Sacrament had been venerated in the meanwhile, considered the place as sacred. He gave his house and the ground around it for the construction of a church, and more than 30,000 franes towards expenses. The magnificent Church of St. Patrick contains to-day the Blessed Sacrament over the very spot of ground where it was kept and venerated secretly a hundred years ago. Meanwhile O'Connell emancipated the Catholies of Ireland and also those of England. Since then a large current of emigration has come from Ireland to Australia, and Catholics have not only a religious but also a political hold in the country. In order not to occupy unnecessary space in your journal I shall fix in a few figures the change which has come

about this last century. Just one hundred years ago there was only one priest and a few thousand Catholics in Australia. To-day there are 900,000, not counting those of Tasmania and New Zealand. There are 5 Archbishops, 12 Bishops, 3 Vicars-Apostolic, and about 1000 priests. The Catholic episcopacy as well as the clergy and laity are, with few exceptions, all Irish. We have 1400 churches, 2 semi-marks, 24 high schools, 132 hoarding-schools, 162 semi-hoarding-schools, and 732 elementary schools. All these are maintained by the contributions of the faithful. The Government contributes nothing to the Catholic schools, while the Catholics must contribute to the maintenance of tho State schools.

#### <sup>\*</sup> PATRICK PHILAN, Bishup of Sale,<sup>\*</sup> Notes

Us Eminence Cardinal Farley will reach Ireland by August on a visit to his old friend Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh.

So far ten cardinals and one hundred bishops have promised to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Lourdes. Rev. P. McConnelis, Melbourne: Rev. G. Johnson, Toledo: Rev. J. Mogan, Nashville: and Rev. J. Lee, Willmington, were among one hundred others ordained priests this morning in S. John Lateran.

#### Waihi

#### (From an occasional correspondent.)

July 7. The half-yearly meeting of St. Joseph's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Joseph's School on Sunday. There was a large attendance of members, and they all displayed a keen interest in the welfare of the branch. During the quarter eight new members have joined, one was initiated on Sunday, and four others have been proposed. The branch has been in communication with the district secretary for some time re the members joining the Auckland Hospital Conference, and a letter from the district secretary, giving the necessary particulars, was discussed and members decided to accept the terms offered. There were contests for most of the offices, and the election resulted as follows: President, Bro. T. Kelly; vice president, Bro. J. Shields ; secretary, Bro. T. J. Ryan ; treasurer, Bro. J. J. Ritchie: warden, Bro. T. Cotter; guardian, Bro. H. Beck: sick visitors, Bros. S. Sullivan and A. McGuire; auditors, Bros. P. Kelly and T. Cotter. The new officers are all energetic members of the society, and it is anticipated that by the time the next election of officers takes place we will be able to report the continuation of the good work which has been done in the past.

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#### IMPRESSIONS OF MELBOURNE.

In a friendly letter to the Editor, Mr. J. J. Moriarty, formerly travelling representative of the N.Z.*Tablet* and now of the firm of Lusk and Moriarty, architects, Melbourne, has sent us an account of his first impressions of the Victorian capital and its people. We especially direct attention to his description of Catholic organisation and activity, which will, perhaps, be something of a revelation to some of our readers. Mr. Moriarty writes:

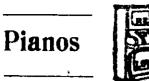
Thinking it might interest some of my old friends among your subscribers to hear how this city impressed me after New Zealand, I will just jot down a few impressions that it made on my mind on the day of my arrival; and since then. I arrived on the Yarra on the 14th of March, and thought that whatever the city had in store for me, certainly it would have to be a lot more beautiful than the river if 1 were ever to fall in love with it. This river is not a thing of beauty, and the local people rarely mention it to visitors. 1 had what I took to be a rather a good omen before landing, for, on looking towards the city from the boat, the first sign of color to meet my gaze was the old green flag of Erin floating from many buildings in the distance. I remembered that we were night on to St. Patrick's Day, and heard that they were holding high revels in Melbourne in honor of the occasion. Unfortunately I did not get off the boat in time to see the procession, which is one of the big things of the year here, followed as it is by a great sports gathering in the Exhibition Buildings, but if I missed that I certainly saw more green sported on one day than I had seen in all my life up till then. There was, needless to say, a tremendous crowd about, and here 1 saw for the first time a typical Australian gathering. The impression they made on me was that they were a wonderfully happy, care-free people, seeming to be quite in their element when on holiday bent, and this first impression of mine has been strengthened by residence among them. They are, I think, as a writer once described them, children of the sun. The big things of life do not worry them much, I should imagine, but the pleasant things of this world have in them ardent devotees. From the Minister down to the clerk of the Crown, they all patronise sport. You pick up the paper after a big fight, for instance, and you see that one or more of the Cabinet Ministers (if not the Prime Minister himself), was present. At football, which, by the way, has at each ground from 20 to such was in attendance. The thing that struck me most at the football match that I first attended was the large number of the fair sex that were present, and the tremendous interest they took in the game. You find out here what interest in a game means; it is not the thing we knew in New Zealand. We cheered there (or at least I thought we did), but here it is something much more serious, and is a revelation as to what the human voice is capable of when giving vent to the feelings of its owner. If they encourage good play here, and they do, they have a much more effective way of discouraging bad, but as New Zealand football is a nice quiet game I won't tell you any more about that part of it, for fear I would be teaching my countrymen bad habits. I will say that if any New Zealand umpire thinks that he can be taught no pore, the Rugby Union should send him across and sk the League to let him umpire just one game here, and then wait for results. If he were an infallible umpire he might get on all right, otherwise he would be sorry that he had not retired from the field whilst his honors were thick upon him. Theatreland also is something different to what we were used to in New Zealand. If we had one good company in any of our cities we were well off: here it is usual to have at least six companies to choose from for your night's amusement, not mentioning the picture shows, or, in summer, the

various seaside comedy companies that go to help these people while away their time. Sunday, too, has its pleasures, for in the evening most of the picture theatres are open, and they do a great business. Even Good Friday was not sacred to the theatre world, and almost without exception every theatre in and around the city was open, and, more is the pity, did big business.

Co-equal with their love of pleasure they have another characteristic that is to a stranger within the gates very comforting, that is their good fellowship, their entire lack of suspicion, the real warm welcome they extend to all strangers. In a particular manner does this welcome go to the New Zealanders. As soon as they hear that you come from there they are interested listeners, and never tire of hearing of its beauties. They seem to appreciate them more than many of our own people, and all express the one opinion that when funds permit New Zealand is to be their holiday resort Beyond this of New Zealand they know absolutely nothing, and laughed much at me when I first came here and tried, in a real New Zealand way, to tell them what a great country it was, and what a large sity Auckland was also. It was no good. You could interest them in talking of Rotorua, or the Cold Lakes, or the West Coast, or more particularly of the Maori, but to talk of big towns, well, that was too much to put on good natured people such as these are. I don't talk about them now, and must confess that 1 smiled the other day, too, when I heard a young New Zealander telling some one what a fine city Christehurch was, The joke comes in when you find out that the equivalent to our suburbs in New Zealand, have here greater populations than our cities over there.

So much just now for the people. As to the wity itself, it is claimed for it that it is the finest laid out city south of the line, and this is quite easily believed. Its main features are wide streets, fine buildings, and a multiplicity of public parks. There is not a crooked or twisted street in or near the city, and if a sixth standard boy were given an hour's directions he would be able to find his way around the metropolitan area ever after. They have a very antiquated system of trams here, the old cable cars being still in existence, and, being owned by a trust, you can well imagine that they do not worry very much about the comfort of the public. I have had on a few occasions to get out with the rest of the passengers and help to shove the cars along till they caught the cable again. New Zealand has the best of it there. The Melbourneites have a great civic spirit, and that makes for handsome buildings, for beautiful parks, for museums of more than ordinary merit, for fine art galleries in fact, for all things that go to make the city beautiful. There is one great drawback to the progress of the city proper though, and that is the number of cities surrounding This is a veritable land of municipalities, and it. mayors: you take a tram ride in any direction you will pass through at least several different cities. 11 means, of course, that one of them may block any work that might be to the benefit of them all. The Government of the State here took the matter in hand some time ago, and promised to legislate for making a greater Melbourne, but as in all things political, they never went past the promise.

That word politics reminds me that this is the one thing here that the most ardent patriot cannot hoast of. The Liberal Party have been in power in this State for a long time, and their record seems to be a long list of promises never redeemed. The Labor Party are a growing power in State polities, and many people seem to incline their way, not because of their platform, but simply on the ground that if given a turn in office some work might be done. The name the Liberals are generally known by here is the 'tired party.' As for the Federal House, well, the less said just now about it the better : a more childish exhibition of what grown men are capable of than that given by both narties during the session just closed it would be hard to match in any country in the world. I feel proud of our New Zealand men, and in a race of comparisons they would







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win easily. If Sir Joseph Ward were in politics here he would stand right out above every man in Australia. The only pleasing prospect at present in view is that things have got so unworkable in the Federal arena that the writing is on the wall for party government, and the elected ministry must come. There is to be a State election, as well as an election for both the Federal Houses, almost at once, so you see that we are in for a feast of politics. A double dissolution was granted to the Liberals in the Federal House, owing to the Senate having a Labor majority and blocking all business sent up to it. Even if the Liberals do win a majority in the Lower House they will be no better off, for it is an absolute certainty that the Labor Party will dominate the Senate again. It this occurs it means that they will be forced to cleet the Ministry, or give up trying to do any business. The Labor Party have now decided to adopt as a leading plank in their platform the Initiative and the Referendum. What the consequence will be to the party is debatable. However you will hear the news with reference to this in New Zealand, so I will not go further into it.

Having thus far spoken of things in general, I want now to tell you of the one particular thing that is of absorbing interest to a Catholic man who comes here from New Zealand : that is, of things pertaining to our faith. If the city pleased n.e, if the people by their kindness won for themselves my love, the Church and its activities left me dumbfounded with amazement at its greatness. I want to say here that it would be a good thing for the faith of our young New Zealand Catholies if they were all to spend a few weeks in a city like this. Their ideas, gathered from their own towns, that the Church was something small, would vanish instantly, and instead of being timid about things Catholic, they would go from here and want to tell all, that, leaving faith out of the question altogether, the greatest pride that man can wish for is to be a member of the body that do the things that the Church is doing here. Go to any part of the city or its environs, and you will find nonuments of beauty and utility raised by these Victorian Catholics to the Most High churches, schools, convents, hospitals, homes for the foundling, for the aged, for the poor and needy, colleges, and orphanages, two branches of the great Homes of Abbotsford, run by the Good Shepherd Nuns; training colleges for teachers, homes of the missionary Fathers, etc., till one wonders whether he will ever see the end of them. Many Catholics born in Melbourne have grown to maturity and could not tell you the half of them. Of the schools, you will have some idea of their size when I tell you that at one of the parish schools I visited there were over 800 children. This is not by any means an isolated case, yet it will convey to your readers some idea of what the Catholic body is like here in numbers. In parish schools four, five, and six hundred pupils are quite ordinary. The Abbotsford Convent, which I had the pleasure of looking through, is like a small New Zealand town; there are about 150 nuns there, and in the home there must be all told near a thousand people, to say nothing of the children they care for. There are eight colleges for boys here and all with large attendances.

(To be concluded next week.)

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#### CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESAN COUNCIL

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

#### (From our own correspondent.)

#### (Concluded from last week.)

The conference was resumed on the following evening (Thursday, July 9) at 7.30 p.m. In the absence of the president, who was indisposed, Mr. J. R. Hayward (vice-president) presided. An apology was received from the Very Rev. Chancellor Frice, Adm., and Mr. J. Cunneen (Lincoln) for unavoidable absence.

The secretary moved . That this meeting express its deep appreciation of the splendid addresses given at the public meeting in the Art Gallery by his Lordship Bishop Grimes (through the Very Rev. Dean Hills), Mr. II. II. Loughnan, and Mr. W. Angland.' This was carried unanimously amid applause. Embodied in the same motion was an expression of appreciation at the presence of Mrs. P. Burke (representing Hawarden), the first and only lady delegate so far participating in the Council meetings. This also was carried by acclamation. An animated discussion then ensuel upon the subjects appearing on the agenda paper. The first of these was a consideration of the best methods to be adopted by Catholics in order that justice may be secured for Catholic secondary schools. The Very Rev. Dean Hyland expressed his views regarding Catholic representation on school committees. Mr. S. J. Ryan (Rangiora) proposed that the matter be left to the discretion of local branches, as being best capable of estimating chances of success or otherwise. Mr. J. P. Leigh (Timara) seconded the motion. The remit was carried. The extreme importance of enrolling all over the age of 21 years on the Parliamentary and Municipal rolls was endorsed.

The next subject dealt with was the advisability of holding district conferences at frequent intervals at centres where other parishes could be conveniently grouped; the Dipeesan Council to map out such distriets. The secretary thought the time was not opportune to carry out this design. He moved that whilst adhering to the rule of holding annual meetings in the chief city as a general principle, the half yearly meetings be movable. This was seconded by the Rev. Father Richards, and carried unanimously. The mover then proposed that the next half-yearly meeting be held in Timaru, with the object of enabling all to participate in the Catholic demonstration suggested at the annual meeting of the Timaru branch. The Timaru delegates extended a hearty invitation. After full discussion, the Rev. Father Richards moved and the secretary seconded that Timaru be asked to fix a date and arrange for the next half-yearly meeting. Carried. The need of setting up vigilance committees for the purpose of dealing with objectionable picture films, theatricals, literature, etc., was strikingly proved by the secretary, who, after showing what had been done by the local vigilance committee, brought under the notice of the meeting a vile anti-Catholic book circulated by one of the city public libraries supported in part by the city general rates, and suggested stringent measures to suppress the indiscriminate circulation of such literature by libraries, and to Catholic patients in the Public Hospital. He moved a recommendation of this remit being endorsed and brought under the notice of the various branches. St. Mary's representative mentioned several books having been taken off the shelves of the Christchurch Public Library on representation to the librarian .-- Carried.

The next subject dealt with was 'What measures should be taken to facilitate Catholic immigration, especially with reference to domestics.' The secretary gave reasons for moving a consideration of this remit. Making reference to the published statement attributed to the Prime Minister, wherein it was suggested that the Salvation Army be suggested as an agency to undertake this duty, he advocated organising the St. Vincent de Paul Society, with its network of branches throughout

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the United Kingdom, for this work. Mr. W. Angland (Timaru) proposed that the matter be thoroughly gone into by the delegates to the Dominion Council, and recommended the Dominion Executive to approach the Immigration Department for a fair understanding. --Carried.

'The necessity of appointing representatives to attend the Juvenile and Magistrates' Courts in the interest of Catholic children' was affirmed on the motion of the sceretary, who gave good reasons furnished by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The establishing of a Catholic hostel for the accommodation of Catholic girls awaiting situations, and in the interests of Catholic young women newly arrived, was a remit moved by the secretary. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy suggested approaching the authorities of existing institutions meanwhile. Proposed by Mr. Angland, seconded by Mr. Leigh 'That the matter be held over until the Immigration Department were approached.' Carried.

The two following remits from Timaru were bracketed for the purposes of discussion. The Diocesan Council provide marquees for the purpose of having Mass celebrated at military camps. Mr. Leigh, supporting the remit, thought various branches should assist in railing it to camps could be borne by the Diocesan trouble need be anticipated from military authorities. After the marquee was provided the expense incurred in railing it to camps could be borne by the Diocesan Council. The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, in seconding the motion, urged that practical steps be taken immediately. -- Carried.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Not the least important aspect of the conference was the amount and urgency of the business transacted, other than that appearing on the agenda paper.

In this connection the secretary of St. Mary's branch (Christchurch) performed a splendid service in presenting lengthy type-written notes of the investigations and findings of his branch on the social question.

The chairman congratulated St. Mary's secretary for the fine work he had done, and pointed out that the inspection of boarding out homes for children was very lax.

The Rev. Father Richards was of opinion that no home for boarding out Catholic children should be accepted by the State authorities unless approved of by the Federation.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy proposed that a motion of appreciation be passed to the diocesan secretary for his services, and that he be re-elected and remunerated. Mr. H. D. Tomlinson (Fairlie) and other delegates spoke to the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bachelor (St. Andrews) and carried.

The chairman thanked delegates for attending and devoting so much time and energy to the business of the conference. He also thanked the elergy for their attendance and valued assistance at the meeting. The Very Rev. Dean Hyland replied on behalf of the clergy, and expressed the hope that all parishes not yet organised and those that are organised will be represented at next meeting.

Mr. W. Angland (Timaru) thanked the executive and Christchurch branches for the reception accorded the delegates. The Rev. Father Richards proposed and Mr. W. Barry (Fairlie) seconded a bearty vote of thanks to the president and executive for the work done and the manner in which the meeting was conducted. Mr. J. R. Hayward replied on behalf of the executive officers.

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#### Gisborne

#### (From an occasional correspondent.)

Rev. Father Carran and a party of Gisbornites left by steamer for Wellington on July 19 to attend the monster meeting of protest against the Referendum Bill.

Sister Emerentia, of the local convent, received the sad news of the death of her mother a few days ago. The sympathy of the whole community will be extended to the good Sister in the sad loss which she has sustained.

The annual entertainment in aid of the conventschool is fixed for next month (August). The utmost enthusiasm is being displayed by the ladies' committee who have the matter in hand, and the social promises to be a huge success.

The bazaar committee continues to do good work and by the opening night (October 19) it is anticipated there will be nothing left undone to ensure the success of the largest undertaking of this kind ever attempted in Gisborne. Mr. J. E. Main (chairman of committee) and those associated with him are confident of putting up something in the nature of a record as regardtakings.

#### Ashburton

#### (From our own correspondent.)

The half-yearly Communion of the members of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Sunday, July 5, when a large number of members, in conjunction with members of the Catholic Club, approached the Holy Table in regalia.

The local branch of the  $\Pi, \Lambda, C, B$ . Society has of late shown a gratifying increase in membership. The improvement in the attendance at the branch meetings and the enthusiasm shown by members augur well for the future success of the branch.

Included in the pass list of the Royal College of Music in the theory examination, held in Ashburton, appear the names of pupils of the local convent as following: "Dorothy C. Cullen, Elfen Hanrahan, Anna Bradley, Olive Christic, Ella Langley, and Dorothy Brown.

The weekly meetings of the Catholic Young Men's Club continue to be well attended. The business at the last weekly meeting took the form of a discussion on an originally worded Licensing Act Amendment Bill, brought down by the club president (Mr. D. McDonnell). Mr. McDonnell, as Premier, was ably supported by Mr. F. K. Cooper in his endeavour to pass the Bill through the House. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. S. Madden), with Mr. M. J. Burgess as his worthy licutenant, vigorously protested against the measure -the consequence of which was the adjournment of the discussion till the next meeting night.

The half-yearly meeting of the Ashburton branch of the ILA.C.B. Society was held on Monday, evening, July 6. There was a good attendance of members, Bro. T. Purcell, B.P., presiding. One new member was initiated. The following officers were elected for the ensuing half year :--- Past president, Bro. J. Lee : president, Bro. T. Purcell (re-cleeted) : vice-president, Bro. J. Lennon (re elected): treasurer, Rev. Father O'Don-nell (re-elected); secretary, Bro. F. Brophy; warden, Bro. P. Brosnan; guardian, Bro. J. Devlin; siek visitors, Bros. J. Lennon and V. Madden (re-elected); auditors, Bros. J. Hannigan and S. Madden. Pastpresidents Bros. T. M. Brophy and S. Madden were appointed to act on the judicial committee. The officers were duly installed in their various positions, and, after other business had been transacted, the meeting closed and the members were entertained at supper, kindly provided by the president.

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# Current Topics

#### The Power of the Pulpit

The following passage from Mrs. Uraigie's *The Dream and the business* may, with all due respect, be quoted in view of the danger now threatening our Catholic children in State schools. Men forget what they read: some do not read at all. They do not, however, forget what they are told by a vigorous speaker who means what he says. It has been proved ever since the first beginnings of polities that no tyranny could stand for long against the warning prophet or the preaching friar. . . Of course, he must be in dead carnest. Newspapers, pamphlets, speeches in Parliament, and reassurances to constituents are as nothing compared with the actual influence of the persistent Sunday sermons of a great preacher.'

#### More Light on New South Wales

We think it was Aunt Miranda in that delightful story, Relitera of Sunnybrook Farm- who used to defend her occasional plainness of speech by declaring that 'the truth needs an airin' now and then.' The truth regarding the working of the Bible-in-Schools League's system in New South Wales received a muchneeded and somewhat unexpected airing at the meeting of the Wellington Anglican Synod held on July 8, when the Rev. D. C. Bates rose to deliver his testimony. Mr. Bates worked for seven years as a minister in New South Wales, and regularly visited the schools as a teacher, and consequently speaks with full first-hand knowledge of the system. In a few telling sentences he reveals the precise significance of the League's claim that the system there works 'without friction,' and at the same time shows the utter ineffectiveness of the scheme as a system of religions education. We quote from the *Dominion* report, in its issue of July 9. Mr. Bates said that 'it was easy to declare that there was no friction in the Australian State, for the question was flat, and stale, Anstranan State, for the question was har, and state, and dead over there. The elergy, as a whole took little interest in the teaching, which was usually relegated to some paid catechist, who was usually a very ill-informed person. He wished the question were dead here, because it was producing a bitter crop of religious differences, and was doing incalculable harm to religion."

Incidentally, Mr. Bates confirms Bishop Cleary's contention that the system, which has been in operation for more than forty years in New South Wales, has contributed largely to bring about the intense sectarian rancor and bitterness which is such a marked and unpleasant feature of social life in the mother State. 'In New Zealand,' he continued, 'where we had not the Bible in schools, we had not the Continental Sunday (which Sydney had), we were without various other excressences, we had more home life, and more religious tolerance than there was rivalry between the various Protestant feachers, and if the system were introduced here there would be more bitterness between Protestants and Catholies.'

# Ministers and the Referendum : A Remarkable Declaration

Last week we directed attention to the vigorous repudiation and condemnation of the referendum which was given utterance to some years ago by Mr. James Allen on the floor of the House of Representatives. This reck we desire to refer to some of the past utterances of his colleague, the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, Minister of Customs and Marine. Mr. Fisher has already frankly intimated his intention of voting against the Religious Instruction Referendum Bill which has been introduced by his colleague, and in doing so he will be acting entirely consistently with his previous attitude on the question. In the second reading discussion on Mr. Sidey's Bible Lessons in Public Schools Plebiscite Bill of 1905, Mr. Fisher, whose speech, though brief, was one of the best in the debate, expressed himself as opposed both to the particular proposals of the Bible-in-Schools League of that time and also to the demand for a plebiscite. We quote a portion of his remarks as they appear in *Hausard*, Vol. 132, pp. 708, 709.

Mr. Fisher said: 'I have stated before on the public platform that I was not only opposed to the Bible in schools, but that I was also opposed to the Bible-in-schools referendum; and on being approached by the League I gave them that answer. . . . . What are the people supposed to vote on at the present time? Victorian text-books are as scarce as moa bones in this country, and it is not reasonable to ask people to express an opinion on something they know nothing about. I would ask all members who are in any way concerned in the movement if they will endeavor to have a text-book framed and placed before the people of the country. When I see it I might be prepared to give the matter more favorable consideration, but at present I am not inclined to vote for something that is a mere elusive shadow. Then, I am averse to going any further in the direction of granting a referendum on any one specific subject. If the referendum is good for one subject it ought- to be good for all subjects ; and if we are going to deal with the referendum let us make it general in its application, and not single out any special subject to which it is to be applied.

Mr. Fisher then made the following remarkable and plain-spoken declaration : 1 want to draw attention also to a point which is either overlooked or kept in the background, and it ought not to be kept in the background. Throughout the length and breadth of the colony we have a great number of Catholic schools which are attended by great numbers of Catholic children. I submit that these Catholics have got the faith and the courage and the fervor to build their own schools and to educate their own children, and if you are going to maintain the State schools and teach one religion there you are justified in giving a subsidy to the Catholie schools. It is no good keeping the question in the background or fighting shy of it-it has to be met; and in a discussion like this the sooner it is taken into consideration the better. Before we are prepared to grant this referendum let us ask, are we prepared to maintain all the Catholic schools in the colony? If we are prepared to maintain these Catholic schools, then we can go ahead with the referendum : but it would not be right and it would not be proper to carry a proposal such as this is and then repudiate the claims of the Catholics afterwards. I would not be a party to it. I am going to vote against this Bill on every possible occasion, and I do not do so under any stress of excitement or in any heated manner. I am perfectly calm and dispassionate in my opposition to the Bill, but I will use my utmost endeavors in every possible direction to prevent the Bill being placed on the Statute Book.'

That consideration is even more pertinent to-day than when it was advanced by Mr. Fisher: and should the Religious Instruction Referendum Bill by any chance become law, and the Bible-in-Schools League's proposals be given effect to, it is safe to say that Mr. Fisher's uncompromising declaration will be brought forcibly and pointedly under his notice, and under the notice, also, of the other members of the Cabinet.

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#### More Wit and Wisdom

Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes) has much to say in her books of the social relations between men and women. We venture to quote some of her remarks, which often go straight to the mark. Does experience testify, for example, to the truth of this philosophic treatment: 'The secret of managing a man is to let him have his way in little things. He will change his plan of life when he won't change his bootmaker!' On the other side: 'Men will forgive any fault in a person so long as she can make a meal pass pleasantly. They do not want wonderful characters- they like people who are civil at dinner.

There is keenness in this analysis of man's waywardness. You may know a man for twenty years, and in the twenty-first year he will do something which will make your twenty years' experience count for nought. Then you say, "I should never have expected this from A." Just as if A would have expected it bimself. Men astonish themseives far more than they astonish their friends."

And here is a modern woman's illustration of a deep truth on which our spiritual mentors are wont to insist. "There is a story told of a man who begged his wife to tell him his besetting sin, "in order that," said he, "I may conquer it, and so please you in all respects." With much reluctance, and only after many-exhortations to be honest, the lady replied that she feared he was selfish. "I am not perfect," said her husband, "and perhaps 4 am a sinful creature, but if there is a fault which I thank God I do not possess it is selfishness. Anything but that!" And as he spoke he passed her the apples- they were at luncheon and set himself to work on the only peach."

Pungency is the note of this remark: 'There are very few men that can bear authority if they have not been born with the shoulders for it. If you gave a man a nose who had never had one, he would be blowing it all day.'

The thoughts of this convert naturally turned to the consideration of such realities as life and sorrow, and the thoughts are often deep and wise, though at times we see that her sensitive soul bears tokens of the fire through which it has passed. There are many duties and difficulties in life: there is but one obligation--courage.' 'Men are punished by the law and otherwise-- not because they deserve punishment, but because Nature herself makes inexorable war upon her failures. Her legislature is for the robust in mind and body one or the other at least and while religions preach benevolence, patience, charity, long-suffering, we know that strength where it meets weakness must prevail, and industry, no matter how wrongly directed, where it meets half-heartedness, no matter how welltrained, must of necessity conquer. If so-called good people had the energy, the nerve, the backbone of socalled bad people, the bad would be trampled out of existence.

And these moralisings on sorrow are well worth quoting: 'I cannot forget that every supreme blessing must be bought with long sadness, both before and after. Is night less night because it pales gloriously before the sun? Is day less day because it darkens into evening? Is joy a false thing because it passes? Does not sorrow pass also?' 'If no one is completely happy, no one is completely unhappy. On the other side of the limit fixed to all sufferings and all joy, there is a sort of stupor.' 'Hope is the heroic form of despair. Such must have been the feeling of the great Lawgiver, who, if you remember, sang as he started for the Promised Land, and died in silence when it was at last shown to him.'

So in A Bundle of Life we come to this conclusion of faith:

This is only Sorrow For to day; Life begins to morrow. Faith, and all endeavour That is pure. Hope and Life, for ever These endure. All things else are folly To the wise,---Quit thy melancholy, And thy sighs!

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#### **IRELAND'S DAY OF TRIUMPH**

#### INTERVIEW WITH THE IRISH LEADER.

To a representative of the Freeman's Journal on May 25, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., made the following statement with reference to the Third Reading of the Home Rule Bill:

To-day's division marks the death, after an inglorious history of 114 years, of the Union of Pitt and Castlereagh. That Union, the cause of Ireland's poverty, misery, depopulation, and demoralisation-- the cause of famine, insurrection, and bloodshed, and of the disloyalty of the Irish people throughout the world - is dead, and its place is to be taken by a new union, founded on mutual respect and goodwill, between the two islands, and to be followed. I firmly believe, by the history of peace, prosperity, and loyalty. The Union, as we have known it, is dead. That, at any rate, is beyond doubt or question after to-day's division.

#### What the Division Means,

I am not quite sure that everybody quite understands that to-day's division is equivalent to the passage of the Home Rule Bill into law. Yet this is strictly true. There are only two eventualities --- and both of them are impossible which could possibly prevent the Home Rule Bill actually becoming a statute in a few weeks' time. The first is that the present session of Parliament should come to an abrupt end before one month from this date-an utterly unthinkable propo-sition and the other is that the House of Commons should suddenly go mad and pass a resolution to the effect that the Bill should not be presented for the Royal Assent. In the absence of these two absurd con-tingencies the Bill must automatically become law. The House of Lords have no power to stop—and even the Government have no power to prevent-it going in the ordinary course for the Royal Assent to the Throne. The Parliament Act provides that the Bill shall be presented for the Royal Assent.

#### The Royal Assent.

At one time there were people idiotic and irresponsible enough to suggest that the King could or would withhold his Royal Assent, but everyone now admits that is an absolutely absurd and impossible suggestion. Therefore to-night's division, for all practical purposes, passed the Home Rule Bill into law, and the Union of Pitt and Castlereagh is dead.

#### The Prophets of Evil.

It is searcely worth while, perhaps, to pause to recall all the prophecies of evil which have attended the efforts of the Irish Party to carry Home Rule during the last three years. We were told that it would be as easy to throw Galteemore into the sea as to pass the Parliament Act. After that Act was passed we were told that the Liberal Government would not deal with Home Rule at all, or if they did that they would introduce an utterly unsatisfactory Bill which would be repudiated by Ireland. In the same breath we were told that the Government would introduce a Bill so favorable to Ireland that they would split their own Party. When these prophecies were falsified we were told that the Bill would never become law, and the Government from mouth to month was threatened with destruction. To-day how silly all these prophecies look ! Patience and discipline and mutual confidence between the members of the Irish Party and their British allies have carried the day: and I think there is not an Irishman in the world to-day who must not rejoice to think that he has lived to witness the end of the Union of Pitt and Castlereagh.

#### Threats and Conspiracies.

Nor were prophecies of evil the only ones put forward to alarm and deceive our people during the last few years. It is impossible to forget the threats repeatedly made, not only in the English newspapers but by Parliamentary leaders—notably by Mr. Bonar Law—that if an attempt were made to carry the Home

Rule Bill a third time in the House of Commons the Parliamentary machine would be smashed. All these threats have vanished into thin air, and the Bill has passed. It is also impossible to forget the extraordinary odds against which we have been fighting for the last two years, and especially for the last six months. Wo have had the entire power and wealth and secret influence of the aristocracy of this country opposed to us. We have had many hundreds of thousands of pounds of money spent in the opposition to Home Rule. We have had the action of a section of the Army, which the Morning Post declared had 'killed the Home Rule Bill.' Wo have had the entire Conservative press devoting itself without stint to magnifying every supposed obstacle to Home Rule and to misrepresenting our cause. We have had to submit without reply to gross misrepresentation, not only in Great Britain, but, 1 am sorry to say, in Ireland. Notwithstanding all these things, we have won out.

#### The Amending Bill.

It is true we are faced with the prospect of what is called, or rather miscalled an 'Amending Bill.' Let there be no mistake about this. No amendment in the Bill is called for, either by the Government themselves, or by the Irish Party. We believe that the Bill is a good workable Bill, and that it is a charter of liberty for the Irish people. But we are practical politicians, and, I hope, men of sense, and we all recognise that it is worth paying a great price to ensure that Home Rule will come into operation amidst universal goodwill, and to prevent its being heralded by eivil commotion of any sort, I take this opportunity, on the third and final passage of the Home Rule Bill, to express the most carnest hope that now when everybody in Ulster, as elsewhere in Ireland, has to face the indisputable fact of Home Rule and a Home Rule Parliament, those of our fellow-countrymen, who are nervous as to their position, will abandon unreasonable demands and enter into a conciliatory discussion with their fellow-countrymon upon points of the Bill upon which they would desire further safeguards. I say on behalf of the Nationalists of Ireland that we desire their co-operation and friendship, and I appeal to them in all parts of Ireland to join hands with us in making the Homo Rule settlement one that will ensure the prosperity and the freedom of all classes in the country. If the Amending Bill contains the terms of an agreement whereby some of our fellow-countrymen in the North, who are to-day dissatisfied and nervous about the future, may be coneiliated, and does not outrage the fundamental principles of the Home Rule settlement, I am convinced that every Nationalist in Ireland will rejoice. If the Amending Bill ' does not contain an agreement I can see no prospect of it becoming law, and in any case, failing agreement, the Irish Party have made it plain that their hands are quite free to deal with any proposals that may be made.

#### The Great Thing to Remember.

The great thing for us to remember is that, 'Amending Bill or no Amending Bill,' the Home Rule Bill is now practically an Act of Parliament. People talk of the possibility of a general election before the Bill actually comes into operation. Portions of the Bill will come into operation the day it receives the Royal Assent. Other portions of the Bill must necessarily come into operation gradually, and, at the best, months must elapse before it can possibly be in full working order, with a Parliament actually sitting in Dublin. I see no likelihood whatever of an early general election. But general election or no general election-the return once more of the Liberal Party to power or the return -most unlikely-of the Tory Party to power-the Union of Pitt and Castlereagh can never be again set upon its feet, and the assembling of an Irish Parliament under the provisions of the Home Rule Bill is as certain as the rising of to-morrow's sun.

# Diocesan News

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

#### (From our own correspondent)

July 18.

The sum of £31 Ss, out of a total of £436 11s passed to educational institutions, was allocated by the Masterton Trust Lands Trust to the school of St. Patrick, Masterton.

The Catholic Club held a very successful eachroparty at Gamble and Creed's Rooms last Monday evening. There was a good attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Sacred Heart branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, the newly-elected officers were installed by the retiring president. A motion was passed protesting against the introduction of the Bible-in-Schools Referendum Bill.

Hon. Major James O'Sullivan, a member of St. Joseph's congregation and Director of Equipment and Stores, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Quartermaster-General at Headquarters, to be attached to the New Zealand Staff Corps while so employed.

The singing of the choir of St. Francis' Church, Island Bay, was very favorably commented upon by his Grace Archbishop O'Shea and the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Vice-Provincial, at the big Federation meeting held in that church last Sunday evening. The choir will shortly give the paristioners a chance of judging its capabilities at a sacred concert which it intends giving.

We should not let the matter rest here,' remarked Councillor Townsend at the last meeting of the Petone Council, when a letter from the Department of Internal Affairs in reference to the closing of the Catholic cemetery was under notice. The Department advised that the Minister had further considered the question of closing the cenetery, and was not prepared to recommend the Governor-in-Council to do as the council requested. Councillor Townsend mentioned that he would review the matter at a future date.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Monday evening, under the presidency of Bro. J. O'Brien, B.P., there being a good attendance. The election of officers resuited as follows:—President, Bro. J. O'Brien (reelected); vice-president, Bro. J. P. McGowan (reelected); treesurer and assistant sceretary, Bro. J. J. L. Burke (re-elected); warden, Bro. F. W. Whitaker (re-elected); guardian, Bro. P. Sherlock; sick visitors, Bros. Condon and O'Callaghan; auditors, Bros. H. McKeowen and F. McDonald; delegates to St. Joseph's School Committee, Bros. T. O'Brien and C. McKenzie; delegates to St. Mary's School Committee, Bros. D. and P. Reidy, McPhee, and Thos. O'Brien; delegates to St. Joseph's branch of Catholic Federation, Bros. J. Donovan and C. McKenzie; delegate to St. Mary's branch Catholic Federation, Bro. J. D. McPhie; delegate to Friendly Societies' Dispensary, Bro. J. J. L. Burke; delegate to Friendly Societies' Council, Bro. T. O'Brien; district deputy, Bro. P. D. Hoskins. Tho installation ceremony was postponed until the following meeting, when a social evening will take place at which members and their friends will be present.

The Wellington Catholic Education Board met at the Presbytery, Boulcott street, last Thursday evening under the presidency of his Grace Archbishop O'Shea. The Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., and Rev. Father Tymons, S.M., Adm., were also present. The balance sheet for the year ending July 13 was presented. It is as follows:--Receipts-Balance funds, £289 17s 7d; Thorndon parish, £167 14s 10d: Newtown parish, £84 10s; St. Joseph's parish, £232 14s; St. Mary's parish, £172 14s 4d; St. Patrick's Day, £100: Boxing Day (including refund), £58 10s:--total, £1106 0s 9d. Expenditure-Thorndon parish, £234 11s 3d; Rewtown parish, £123 2s 5d; St. Joseph's parish, £437 4s 5d;

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St. Mary's parish, £20 0s 11d; Boxing Day advance, £8 10s; Education Board expenses, 13s; credit balance, July 1913-14, £281 18s 9d; -total, £1106 0s 9d.

It was decided to recommend the new board that a vigorous system of canvassing be prosecuted during the next year, and the school committees be urged to keep their expediture down to a minimum with the object of providing a larger surplus. The trustees were authorised to invest £150, the security under offer being considered satisfactory. In connection with the board's application to the trustees of the MacCarthy Estate a strong hope was expressed that something substantial would be obtained.

Votes of thanks were passed by acclamation to the retiring officers. It was decided to call the new board together during the first week in August, the various school committees holding their annual meetings meantime.

#### Wanganui

#### (From our own correspondent.)

July 18. In the last Associated Board examinations, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Convent presented 14 pupils. Fourteen passed, and two secured the maximum number of marks.

A most successful smoke concert was held by the II.A.C.B. Society on last Tuesday evening in Muller's Tea Rooms. Bro. D. Dwyer, the newly-elected president, was in the chair. Delegates from the U.A.O.D., Wanganui and Aramoho, i.O.O.G.T.M.U. and A.O.F. were present. The following toast list was gone through: The Pope and the King,' 'H.A.C.B. Society,' 'Newly-elected Officers,' 'Friendly Societies' Council and Dispensary,' 'Kindred Societies,' 'Visiting Delegates,' and the 'Ladies.' Songs were contributed by Messrs. F. McLean, Thomson (2), Tait (3), and A. J. Fitzgerald, and recitations by Messrs. C. O'Leary and A. McWilliam. The newly-elected officers are: Past-president, Bro. A. J. Fitzgerald : president, Bro. C. M. Morgan : guardian, warden, Bro. S. McAfee ; secretary, Bro. W. McGonigle. The further success of the society is assured by one glance at the new officers.

#### DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

#### July 20.

The congregation at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sca were afforded an unexpected privilege on last Sunday at Mass celebrated by the Rev. Father Long, when the Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.SS.R., after reading the Epistle and Gospel of the day, gave a comparatively brief, but impressive discourse on 'the duty we owe to Almighty God.'

To help in acquiring the necessaries for furnishing her stall at the projected bazaar in aid of the Cathedral parochial schools fund, a successful social gathering promoted by Mrs. F. Green, was held on last Monday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. Asaph street, which was crowded on the occasion. Progressive euchre formed the principal attraction, the first prize-winners being Miss Ryan and Mr. Duggan.

The following pupils of the Sisters of the Missions were successful in passing the rudiments of music examination: Kitty Murphy, Gertie Clarkson. By advice received from Home by the last mail, the following pupils of the Sacred Heart High School received certificates for shorthand from Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd. - -B. Hannigan, R. Bradford, M. O'Donoghue, N. Mc-Gurk, N. Murphy, A. O'Donoghue.

Considerable activity is being displayed by the committee, and lady friends, in promoting the grand national fair, with the results of which it is hoped to place the parochial schools of the Cathedral on a sound financial basis. The fair is to open in the large parochial girls' school, Lower High street, on the evening of Saturday, August 8, and will continue for a fortnight. Several features unique in connection with such events are to be introduced, and so far as attractions are concerned the nightly programme will leave little to be desired. Considerable time has elapsed since any general attempt was made to better the conditions of our schools, and it only remains for the energetic committee to be backed up by all those who have a right to help to ensure an outstanding success, and provide what is so sorely needed.

The week's retreat in the Cathedral to the two divisions of the Arch-confraternity of the Blessed Sacra ment proved a splendid success, and assumed almost the proportions of a general mission. Very large congregations attended each morning's Masses, whilst at the evening devotions and retreat sermon the Cathedral was quite crowded. Towards the end of the week the Very Rev. Father Roche, C.SS.R. (Superior), had to return to Wellington, and was replaced by the Rev. Father O Sullivan, C.SS.R., who concluded the retreat on Sunday evening. There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the eleven o'clock Mass. During the retreat appeals were made for all, without exception, qualified for membership of the arch-confraternity, to become associated therewith, the response being satisfactory. Ever increasing numbers approached the Holy Table each morning, and at a special Mass celebrated at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning the great numbers participating in the general Communion was a sight cheering to the devoted missioners and most edifying to all.

#### Christchurch North

July 20.

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from the last Mass till evening devotions, when the usual procession took place.

A much-needed improvement has been made in the sacristy at St. Mary's, which provides better accommodation for the altar boys. Attention has been given to all necessary requirements and will fill a long-felt want.

According to custom, the Children of Mary approached the Holy Table in a body at the 7 o'clock Mass yesterday. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society also received Holy Communion in a body, it being the feast of St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Mary's branch of the II.A.C.B. Society held their half-yearly meeting in Ozanam Lodge on Mon-day, July 13, Bro. J. H. Johnston (president) presiding. Among those present were the Rev. Father Hoare, S.M. (chaplain), and the District Deputy Bro. R. P. O'Shaughnessy. There was a good attendance of members. The usual business correspondence was dealt with. The election of officers for the ensuing term took place-the following were unanimously re-elected : President, Bro. J. H. Johnston; vice president, Bro. T. Y. Wag-staff; secretary, Bro. J. Crosbery; treasurer, Bro. P. Cosgrove : guardian, Bro. Leo Gray ; warden, Bro. J. V. Kaveney; sick visitor, Bro. T. Gardner. The installation was performed by the district deputy. The various officers returned thanks. During the meeting five were nominated for membership. The Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., congratulated the branch on its steady progress, and remarked on the great pleasure it gave him to see the members faithful to the practice of receiving Holy Communion in a body every month. He exhorted them to lose no opportunity to secure new members, and said that anything to further the interests of the society would have his whole-hearted support. The district deputy also congratulated the members on their progress during their first half year, and saw no reason why their numbers should not be more than doubled at the end of the year. The next of the series of social evenings will be held in the Alexandra Hall on Monday evening, August 3.

St. Mary's Collegiate High School, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, was examined on June 22 and 23 by Mr. Mayne, Govern-

ment inspector. The following is an extract from his report : - This school makes a very pleasing appearance at examination. The average standard of attainment in the different classes is highly satisfactory, while the intelligent answers to written and oral tests give evidence of zealous and capable teaching. The discipline and tone are very commendable, while the pleasing manners of the pupils and their purposeful attitude towards work bear testimony to sound systematic training in good liabits. Sewing and singing are both well taught, and handwork in all classes receives due attention.' The inspector reports that the work of Standards V. and VI. is exceptionally well advanced in all subjects; that good work has been done in Standards III, and IV, ; that the creditable performance made by Standards I, and II, is the result of capable and skilful teaching: and that the preparatory classes are under capable and sympathetic management.

St. Mary's Primary School, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, was examined on June 22 and 23 by Messrs. Hardie and Mayne, Government inspectors. The following is an extract from their report : This school as a whole makes a very pleasing appearance under examination, Not only are the various members of the staff zealous, hardworking, and anxious to achieve as high a standard of excellence as possible, but the pupils themselves evince a keen interest in their work, and show by their courteous manners and bright responsiveness under oral questioning that the general control, though firm, is kind and sympathetic, and that the best interests of those under instruction are kept steadily Special credit is due for the neatness with in view. which all written exercises are presented, and it is satisfactory to note that the suggestions made at the recent inspection visit with regard to improving the heating arrangements and affording facilities for the senior boys and girls attending woodwork and cooking classes have been acted upon. The inspectors report that the work of Standards V, and VI, is of a distinetly high order of murit ; that the work of Standards 111, and IV, shows good all round merit, and reflects the greatest credit on the Sister in charge; that Standard H. is an excellent little class and thoroughly well taught. Standard I, and infant classes show satisfactory results.

#### Lincoln

#### (From an occasional correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of the New Headford branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on July 16, in the schoolroom, Bro. P. Riordan (president) occupy ing the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term, and subsequently installed by Bro. Rev. Father O'Connor: - President, Bro. James Cunneen; vice-president, Bro. L. Manion; secretary, Bro. P. F. Ryan; treasurer, Bro. T. F. Cunneen; warden, Bro. J. F. McCleary: guardian, Bro. Andrew Doyle: sick visitors, Bros. Jas. Doherty and T. J. Henley: auditors, Bros. Rev. Father. O'Connor and M. F. Ryan. The balance sheet for quarter ending June was read and adopted. One candidate was initiated, and one proposed for membership. A motion, strongly protesting against the action of the Government in bringing forward the Referendum Bill on the Bible-in-schools question, was carried unanimously, and the secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to the Prime Minister, and also the Hon. R. H. Rhodes (Member for the district).

On Sunday morning, July 19, quite a large number of the Catholic boys from the Burnham Industrial School attended the 9 o'clock Mass. During Mass they sang several appropriate hymns. The boys reflect great credit upon the various pastors of Lincoln, who have been responsible for their religious instruction. No small share of which is due to the untiring efforts of the present spiritual director (Rev. Father O'Connor). It would be an excellent thing for the Catholic community if the Diocesan Executive of the Catholic Federation could get in touch with the manager of the Industrial School and ascertain when Catholie boys receive their discharge, and, if possible, secure situations, if not in Catholic homes, at least within reasonable distance of a Catholic church, and notify the priest of the parish.

#### Temuka

#### (From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., left Temuka to-day (Monday) for Wellington.

A very successful eachre party in ald of funds for the produce stall at the forthcoming bazaar was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday evening last. The prizes were won by Miss Burke and Mrs. Crannitch and Messrs, Cunnard and Crannitch. When presenting the prizes, Rev. Father Kerley paid a tribute to the generosity of Mr. W. F. Evans in assisting the promoters of the gathering by providing the spacious hall gratis.

A quiet wedding was relebrated in St. Joseph's Church on July 8, when Miss M. Quinn, second daughter of Mrs. Quinn, Temuka, was united in the holy bonds of Matrimony to Mr. J. Earl, "Benacre," Otaio, by the Rev. Father Kerley, S.M. During the ceremony Miss Beri officiated at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a very pretty costume of champague satin and smart black velvet hat. The chief bridesmaid, Miss Flynn (cousin of the bride) wore a frock of shell pink charmeuse and black velvet hat finished with touches of pink. Mr. V. Meehan, of Makikini, acted as best man, and two little girls wearing white embroidered frocks and Juliet caps (Misses Gretchen Carl and Mary Martin, nicces of the bride and bridegroom respectively) completed the wedding group. After the ecremony the party adjourned to the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. II. Carl, where the wedding breakfast was held and the customary toasts honored. In the drawing room many beautiful and valuable presents were displayed. Early in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs Earl motored north, en route for the North Island.

#### Timaru

#### (From our own correspondent.)

July 19.

On Thursday evening last the choir held their annual social in the Assembly Rooms. The proceeds are to go towards purchasing new music. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

At the last weekly meeting of the Young Men's Club Mr. J. N. Dunn presided over a record attendance of members for this season. The programme consisted of an interesting debate on the Territorial system. Amongst those present were Very Rev. Dean "normal and Rev. Father Lezer.

The Children of Mary received Holy Communication regalia at the 7.30 o'clock Mass on Sunday. At their monthly meeting held in the afternoon, Key, Father O'Donnell was present, and gave a beautiful instruction on the life of the Blessed Virgin. Arrangements are being made for the annual retreat of members, which is to be held shortly. At the evening devotion Rev. Father O'Donnell preached an eloquent and inspiring sermon on the Catholic Church, showing how the standard of Christ has triumphed in all ages and in all countries, and will continue to triumph to the end of time.

We are pleased to record that in the junior examination recently held by the University of Sydney, the University prize for general proficiency amongst male candidates has fallen to Master H. P. Geaney, son of Mr. D. Geaney, of this town. Tt is an honor to be proud of, as he was one of 289 competitors. Master Geaney passed in eight subjects. He is a student at the Training School of the Marist Brothers, Hunter's Hill, Sydney.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1914.

#### Hokitika.

#### (From our own correspondent.)

#### July 9.

A pleasant little function took place on Monday evening last in St. Mary's Clubrooms, when the Catholics and other friends assembled to bid farewell to Mrs. T. Ralfo and Miss Byrne, who have been residents here for many years, and who are leaving to take up their respective residences in Dunedin and Whangarei. The president of the club (Mr S. Wormington) occupied the chair, and in the course of his speech referred to the sterling qualities of their two lady guests, and made special mention of the untiring zeal of both ladies on behalf of the church and club. He said all the functions in which they had taken part had proved highly successful, and he said he regretted the necessity which deprived the parish of their services. The president then called upon Mrs. W. Kellar to make the presentations. Mrs. Kellar, in a few well-chosen words, made eulogistic reference to the excellent work rendered to the Church by these ladics, and then handed to Miss Byrne a jewel case and to Mrs. Ralfe a silver teapot. Mr. T. Ralfe suitably responded on behalf of Mrs. Ralfe and Miss Byrne. The rest of the ovening was devoted to a musical programme. The following contributed items during the evening: Mrs. Richardson, Miss Bryne, Miss Daly, Miss A. Stopforth, Mr. T. Stopforth, a violin solo was rendered by Mr. Gardiner, a pianoforte solo by Mr. R. Hayes, and a musical monologue by Mr. J. Downey. Supper was then handed round by the ladies, and with the singing of 'Auld lang syne' a most enjoyable function terminated.

#### Westport

#### (From our own correspondent.)

. The Westport musical and elocutionary competitions, controlled by St. Canice's Club, were not as successful financially as in previous years, though the standard of work was much higher. The management was all that could be desired, and the president (Mr. J. S. Matthews) and secretary (Mr. J. J. T. Pearce) are to be congratulated on the perfection of the arrangements. At the conclusion of the competitions the musical judge (Mr. C. Helliman) declared Miss B. Doyle winner of the special trophy donated for the competitor in the vocal and instrumental sections showing the most temperament. The special trophy for the competitor gaining the highest aggregate of marks in the elocutionary section was won by Mr. F. M. O'Gorman, who gained five first and two second prizes. Before leaving Westport, Mr. Byron Brown, who ajudicated in the elocutionary sections, generously donated £5 towards the club funds.

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the II.A.C.B. Society was held in the clubrooms on Wednesday evening last, the president, Bro. P. Niven, occupying the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:--President, Bro. W. Lauder; vice-president, Bro. P. Hughes; treasurer. Bro. G. Organ; warden, Bro. J. Power: guardian, Bro. W. Calnon; sick visi-tors, Bros. P. Niven and D. Qualter; auditors, Bros. J. Radford and F. M. O'Gorman. On Sunday morn-ing a special meeting of the branch was held in the clubrooms to make preliminary preparation for the reception and entertainment of delegates to the triennial movable meeting of the society, which is to be held in Westport in 1916. The president, Bro. W. Lauder, presided over a large attendance of members, and the proceedings were of an enthusiastic nature. During the meeting the president, in a eulogistic speech, presented Bro. P. Niven with a gold medal awarded by the branch for the member proposing the greatest number of new members during the year. Bro. Niven, in replying, mentioned that he had in his possession a medal which was presented to his father by the members of the Brighton branch thirty-eight years ago.

#### Lawrence

#### (From an occasional correspondent.)

July 7.

A very large meeting of Catholics was held in St. Patrick's Schoolroom ou Sunday, the Very Rev. Monsignor O'Leary presiding. In the course of his remarks the Monsignor said that no one would object to moral teaching based on religious principles being taught in the State schools, but Catholics objected to a plebiscite on the proposed introduction of the so-called Bible in schools as suited to certain denominations only-and offensive to others. A strong resolution of protest was passed against the introduction of the Bible in-schools Referendum Bill. Copies of the resolution were forwarded to the Prime Minister and Minister of Education.

The Hon, Mr. Massey replied as follows :--- 'Your telegram received regarding referendum Bible-reading in schools, and representations noted."

The Hon. Jas. Allen also wired as follows :-- ' Your telegram forwarding protest against Bible-in-Schools Referendum Bill received and contents noted. I shall be glad to give the representations of your Federation my careful consideration when the Bill is being discussed in Parliament."

Resolutions have also been forwarded from Waitahuna and Kononi,

The parish committee elected for the year are: Very Rev. Monsignor O'Leary president, Messrs. 11. Hart and J. J. O'Corner vice-presidents, A. Hart secretary, T. Crowley, D. J. Roughan, R. Barron, M. Fahey, J. Gregan, Misses J. Mills and A. Higgins.

#### Tuakau

#### (From an occasional correspondent.)

On Sunday, July 12, High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Father O'llara, who delivered a very fine sermon on 'latemperance.' After Mass a meeting of the congregation was held to elect a new committee for the Catholic Federation here, the following being appointed :- President, Rev. Father O'Hara: vice-presidents, Messrs, J. J. Dromgool and M. Black : committee Messrs. F., McGuire, T. Murray, J. J. Dromgool, M. Black, J. Quinlin, T. B. McGahan, Mrs. J. S. McGahan, Mrs. B. G. Geraghty, Messrs. H. Me-Guire, G. O'Connor, M. B. Geraghty, W. De Goff ; hon. secretary, Mr. T. B. McGahan ; hon, treasurer, Mrs B. G. Geraghty (re elected). Rev. Father O'Hara and Mr. T. B. McGahan were appointed to represent the branch at the Diocesan Council meeting held on July 15,

#### HONEST AND TRUE

True heart's 'welcome,' Soul's burden lightens; Falsehood's 'hail chum Its grasp but tightens.

True eyes' sweet smile Deep sorrow brightens; False fawn's covert guile All pain but heightens.

Honest handshake Much harm oft rightens: False love, like coil of snake, Strong friendship frightens.

Pure lips' soft kiss Black record whitens: Dark lie's mulled hiss God's sun e'en nightens.

'Twixt thee and me, friend, In all we do, Grasp we but one hand, Honest and true.

Rotorua.

-BATAVUS.

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July 13.

#### THE HOME RULE BILL

#### CELEBRATING THE THIRD READING.

#### DEMONSTRATION AT ALBURY.

The banquet which was held at Albury last night (says the *Timaru Post* of July 17) to celebrate the passing of the Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons was a great success in every way, and was attended by about 65 persons, from all parts of the district lying between Timaru and Fairlie. The proceedings throughout were of a most enthusiastic character. Mr. W. Barry presided, and among those present were the Rev. J. H. G. Chappell, Dr. F. Scannell, and a large number of prominent citizens of the district. Apologies were received from his Worship the Mayor of Timaru (Mr. E. R. Guinness), Dr. J. Loughnan, and others.

After 'The King' had been toasted in the usual loyal fashion, Mr. W. Angland rose to propose the toast of the evening, 'Ireland the Nation.' This toast, the speaker said, was the most important one which he had ever been called upon to propose. He thanked the people of Albury and the district for asking him to be present that night to help to honor, as it should be honored, the passing of the Home Rule Bill. The gathering that night was not for the purpose of jeering at those who had opposed the measure, many of whom had been, however, blinded by prejudice, and they hoped that now these same people would help them, and that they would be able to look forward from now on to a united and prosperous Ireland --North, South, East, and West. The meeting that night was not only to celebrate the passing of the Home Rule Bill, but also to congratulate those who had helped to place Ireland in the proud position she held to-day. In conclusion, Mr. Angland said he wished to congratulate the gallant Irish Party, and their brilliant leader, Mr. Redmond, on the great achievement they had, after years of brilliant statesmanship and generalship, seen accomplished-Ireland free, and allowed to manage her own affairs.

The Rev. J. II. Chappell said it was a matter of gratification for him to speak in support of the toast. His mind went back to the visit Mr. Devlin had made to New Zealand, and he was proud that he had at that time occupied a place on the platform at one of his speeches on Home Rule, of which be (the speaker) had always been a champion. He was, he said, glad to stand there that night, and to again be able to say a word for Ireland the Nation. He had made up his mind (Mr. Chappell concluded) to come to that meeting whatever the weather was, because he felt that there was a bond of sympathy between them,

Mr. D. Angland proposed 'Our Guests.' It spoke a lot, he said, for those who had braved the elements that night to celebrate the passing of the Home Rule Bill. The Bill would not have passed if it had not been for the broad-minded people like those who had come there that night.

Several speakers replied to this toast, after which Mr. J. Wall proposed the toast of 'Those other than Irishmen who had assisted in bringing about Homo Rule.' In doing so, he said there were many of other nationalities who had assisted in bringing about the independence of Ireland, and for this assistance the Irish people would ever be thankful. This was responded to by Messrs, J. S. Rutherford and A. Lindsay.

Mr. Guthrie proposed the toast of 'The Irishmen of Albury and the Surrounding Districts.'

Mr. Barry, in reply, expressed his thanks to those, especially those who had come long distances to be present, for their attending the gathering, which was, he said, the first function to be held in New Zealand in celebration of the passing of the Homo Rule Bill, a fact of which they might well be proud.

Messrs. N. Scannell, J. Smith, and Rice also spoke in reply to the toast.

The chairman proposed the toast of Mr. Rutherford, whom, he said, was the father of Albury. Mr. Rutherford had been chairman of the committee which had taken in hand the visit of the Irish enveys, which had been a great success, and together with Mr. Lindsay, who had acted as secretary, had helped the matter along in a most disinterested manner.

Several other toasts were honored, and during the evening a first-class musical programme was gone through.

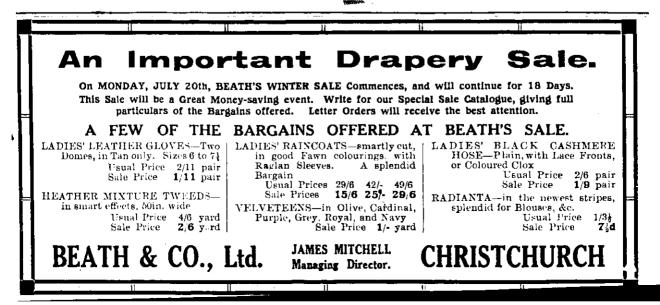
#### Hamilton

#### (From an occasional correspondent.)

July 10.

Last Sunday after evening devotions the parishioners assembled to bid farewell to Mr. Leo. O'Malley, who is leaving the district. Mr. O'Malley is the secretary of the local branch of the Catholic Federation, and is also a member of the energetic executive of the Young Men's Club. He has interested himself in all matters appertaining to the 'parish, and his absence will be severely felt. The Very Rev. Dean Darby, on behalf of those present, presented Mr. O'Malley with a hand some set of Lowe pipes. Eulogistic references to the guest were also made by the Rev. Father Finn, Messrs. Lafferty, McCarthy, and O'Leary.

Dr. P. W. Joyce, who died recently in Ireland, is referred to by the Rev. M. Kenny, S.J., writing in America, as 'the last of that giant band of indefatigable literary workers who, bred and grown to manhood in the Gaelic language and traditions before the '47 famine and its resultant extirpations and pestilences had almost obliterated the tongue and music and rich memories of the past, devoted their strong hearts and brains to bridging over the dark chasm and rescuing whatever of Ireland's intellectual wealth and work could be treasured in imperishable books.'



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#### CATHOLIC FEDERATION

#### WELLINGTON.

#### (From our own correspondent.)

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Island Bay branch of the N.Z. Catholic Federation at the Church of St. Francis in that district last Sunday evening. The Ven. Archideacon Devoy, Vice-Provincial, was in the char, and his Grace Archbishop O'Shea was prescut. The report of the branch read disclosed a very satisfactory position, and was adopted on the motion of Messre, Heskins and Whitaker, Mr. P. J. O'Regan mayed a resolution against the proposed introduction of the Bible in Schools Referendum Bill, and in the course of a spirited speech in support thereof severely criticised the policy of the Bible-in-Schools League. He referred to the iniouitous proposal of deciding a question of reliation by a plebiscite, and showed by instances from the early history of New Zealand that at the very birth of a rdered govern ment the great principle of religious equality had by a insisted upon. The injustice that would be inflicted upon the teachers would be intolerable, and represented nothing more nor less than a branch of faith with them. Mr. O'Regun concluded by tracking upon the position of Catholics in districts where by necessary they were compelled to use the State schede, and no used out the inevitable aggravation of their mesent conscientious difficulties.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea seconded the resolution, and pointed out the inconsistencies of the socalled Bible-in Schools League, and the confusing issues to be placed before the electors. Some people said that the passing of this so-called referendum would be the best means of obtaining State aid for Catholic schools. Even take it for granted that the tweve so, nevertheless Catholics would ery out at the injustice of a majority ruling the minority in matters affecting conscience. Personally, he would always be on the side of minorities to do all in his power to assist in combating such iniquitons measures as the one proposed.

Mr. Girling-Butcher supported the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

The following committee was elected for the ensuing twelve months: Messrs Krohn, Whitaker, Redican, Dallow, and Pender.

#### AUCKLAND.

#### (From the club correspondent.)

The annual electing of the Auckland Diocesan Council was held in St. Benedict's Cataolic Clubrooms, Auckland, on Wednesday, July 15, 1914.

Mr. B. McLaughlin (vice-president) presided. The following branches were represedent: St. Patrick's, St. Benedict's, Ponsonby, Grey i Devonport, Parpell, Ellerslie, Onchunga, Otah Yuakau, Huntiy, Ngaruawahia, Hamilton, Cambrid Hustorua, Paeroa, Waihi, Thames, Te Awamutu, Tramarunui, Dargaville, Coromandel, Tauranga, Punei, Ormond, Gisborne, Mata, Okaihau, Opotiki, and Whangarei. Apologies for absence were received from his Lordship Bishop Cleary and Ven. Archdeacon Huckett.

The president, in his opening remarks, welcomed the delegates, especially those who had come great distances and had some personal sacrifice and inconvenience. This showed they had the cause of the Federation at heart and augured well for the movement.

The annual report way in part as follows: -One of the most important matters arranged during the year has been the obtaining of an office in the city for the conduct of the Federation's business. This was due to the courtesy of Mr. J. C. Gleeson of this city, who gave to the use of the Federation an office in High street.

The committee has established an employment bureau, and has already been successful in placing several of our members in positions. We have also formed an accommodation bureau, and in this connection have been of considerable use and assistance to visiting Catholics from other parts of the Dominion, in securing Catholic hotels and hoarding houses.

Catholic Immigration. Since the last meeting of the Council, a strong Catholic Immigration Committee has been established for the port of Auckland, and is doing good work.

In connection with school committee elections the Diocesan Executive, acting under the instructions of the Dominion Executive, arranged for our branches to take an interest in the elections.

The Auckland branch of the Federation has entered into the fight against the Bible-in-schools movement, with a will, and a strong determination to do its utmost to defeat the objects of the League. All our branches are working on this question, and have passed resolutions of protests and forwarded same on to the Government. Much publicity has been given these protests in the press. The committee desires to impress upon each delegate present the extreme importance of dealing with this important matter with all our strength, and requests each parish committee and local committee to show their weight on this question.

Your committee here desire to bring before your notice the great volume of work being put into this fight on behalf of the Federation and the Catholice people by his Lordship Dr. Cleary, and hereby call upon each branch in this diocese to support and second the efforts of our champion in this struggle for our freedom.

Every branch is again reminded of the importance of getting all our people on the rolls.

The committee is pleased to record that the important matter of organisation is steadily improving, and that parish committees are generally increasing their membership. Several new branches have recently been formed, and altogether the position of our organisation is steadily improving.

Before concluding this report, we wish to record our regret that Mr. J. J. Furlong was, owing to being transferred to Invercargill, compelled to resign his position a month ago. The good work of Mr. Furlong was much appreciated by his fellow-members of the committee.

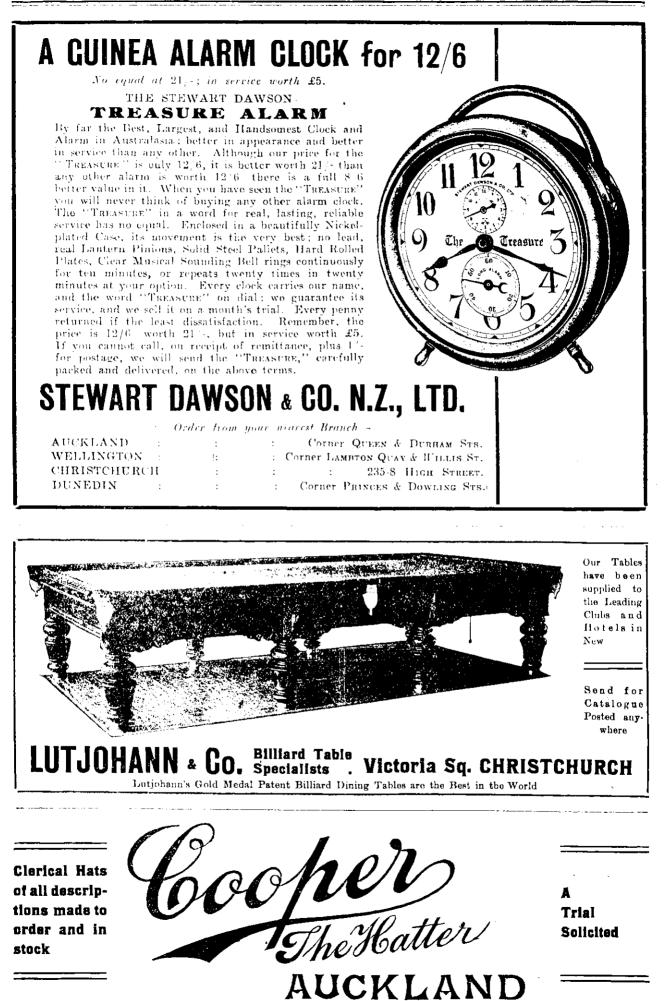
A large quantity of correspondence was read to the meeting from a number of parishes, and showed that the Federation was steadily improving. A letter was also received from the Westminster Catholic Federation of England, enclosing a copy of their last annual report. A telegram was also received from the Dominion Executive wishing heartiest congratulations to the meeting.

The treasurer's report showed that branches were sending in their remittances better this year. A remittance of  $\pounds 100$  had been sent on to the Dominion Executive, and the council had a balance of  $\pounds 33$  in hand.

The delegates present submitted a report upon the affairs of the Federation in their respective parishes, which showed that the branches were endeavoring to promote the interests of the Federation. Every branch had taken up very strongly the fight in connection with the Bible-in-schools movement. Resolutions of protestwere passed by every branch.

The election of officers resulted as follows: --President, Mr. B. McLaughlin: vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Rose and P. J. Nerheny: diocesan secretary, Mr. F. G. J. Temm; assistant diocesan secretary, Mr. M. C. Tully; diocesan treasurer, Mr. M. J. Sheahan: delegate to Dominion Council -Messrs. B. McLaughlin, F. G. J. Temm, and one of the vice-presidents as may be mutually arranged between them at time of council meetings.

Remits from Parish Committees.—The Hamilton branch moved to increase the subscriptions from one shilling to two shillings per annum, and to admit all under 21 years of age free. The motion was lost. Rev. Father Murphy (Cambridge) moved—' That the next half-yearly meeting of the Diocesan Council be held at Hamilton.' Mr. F. G. J. Temm seconded, considering that it was in the best interests of the country branches to assist them in this connection. It would



give that portion of the diocese an impetus in Federation matters. The motion was carried,

The meeting concluded with usual votes of thanks to chair, etc.

#### PARNELL.

#### (From our own correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the Parnell branch of the Catholic Federation was held on Sunday, June 28, and was attended by a majority of the members. The Rev. Father Patterson presided. The secretary's report was read and adopted. The president expressed his appreciation of the efforts of his committee in the enrolment of members during the year, and thanked the members for the fine way in which they had responded to the call. He hoped before long to see every man, woman, and child in the parish enrolled in the Federation. Resolutions (three) of protest against the proposal to grant a referendum on the question of Bible-reading in the State schools were passed by the Federation, the Sacred Heart Society, the Altar Society, Children of Mary, and Young Men's Club comhined. Copies of these resolutions have been forwarded to the Minister of Education and to the Member for the district. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: - Vice-president, Mr. J. O'Sullivan: committee---Messrs, H. J. Skinner, H. Young, P. J. Barry, A. Markey, John O'Sullivan, T. M. Taylor (secretary and treasurer), Mesdames O'Keeffe, O'Shea, and Blackburn, Misses M. O'Sullivan, K. Taylor, and C. Taylor, and Messrs. G. Follas and Andrew Markey. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Father Patterson, for the whole-hearted manner in which he had directed the organisation of this branch, was carried by acclama tion. \_\_\_\_\_

#### LAWRENCE.

#### (From our own correspondent.)

July 20.

At large and enthusiastic meetings of the branches of the Catholic Federation of Roxburgh and Miller's Flat, held on Sunday, strong resolutions were passed against the proposed referendum on the Bible-in-schools question. In both centres Rev. Father O'Connell addressed the meetings and put before the members the reasons why Catholies object (1) to the referendum, and (2) to the League's platform. In Miller's Flat the motion of protest was moved by Mr. D. Mullane and seconded by Mr. J. Hand, while in Roxburgh the resolution was moved and seconded by Mr. H. Waigth, jun., and Mr. 11. Brady respectively. In each case the motion was carried with enthusiastic unanimity. These protests were wired to Mr. Scott, Member for the district, and to leaders of the two parties in the House.

#### WINTON.

#### (From our own correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the local branch of the Catholic Federation was held on July 5, when a great deal of interest and enthusiasm was shown. The Rev. Father O'Neill, in addressing the congregation, explained the objects of the Federation, and the good work it had already accomplished in various parts of New Zealand, and strongly urged all his parishioners to join. It being inconvenient for himself to act as president, Mr. Timothy Cosgrove was appointed. The election of the committee resulted as follows: -Vicepresidents, Messrs, M. Daley and D. O'Mallev: hon, secretary, Mr. II. O'Reilly; hon, treasurer, Mr. M. O'Reilly; committee Messrs. P. Kerr, A. McDonald; Sacred Heart Society, Messrs. J. Kerr and M. Holland: Children of Mary, Misses M. Dugan and M. Ryan. During the evening a strong resolution of protest against the proposed referendum on the Bible-in-schools question was carried. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing committee.

#### IRISH HOME RULE

#### THE KING COMMANDS A CONFERENCE.

London, July 20.

The King has invited the Government, the Opposition, the Nationalists, and the Irish Unionists to a conference at Buckingham Palace to morrow, Each party will appoint two representatives. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. J. E. Redmond and Mr. John Dillon, Sir E. Carson and Captain Craig have been selected to represent the several parties at the conference. The invita-tion was arranged on the Prime Minister's advice, although the suggestion probably originated from his Majesty himself. It explains the delay in the King's departure for Portsmouth, and is the outcome of feverish activity in Ministerial circles for the last few days, Newspapers describe the conference as effecting a complete change in the immediate situation. The Opposition were not consulted beforehand. The Unionist and Ulster leaders instantly responded to the Royal summons, and declared their resolve to do their utmost to make the conference a success. Mr. John Dillon was chosen as Mr. Redmond's companion because he represents more especially the older generation of Home Rulers.

Mr. Redmond said: "My colleagues and myself take no responsibility for calling this convention, and 1 do not think 1 an called upon to express an opinion whether the result will be useful or the contrary. The invitation was accepted by us as a Royal command."

#### LABOR ANTAGONISM.

The Labor Party held a meeting in the House of Commons and carried a resolution protesting against the King summoning a conference. They subsequently requested Mr. Asquith to forward the resolution to the King.

#### WILL NOT YIELD AN INCH.

Mr. Redmond presided over a meeting of the Nation alist Party in the House of Commons to protest against any further concessions. The meeting gave Messrs. Redmond and Dillon plenary powers at the Peace Conference. The Nationalists are firmly resolved not to yield an acre or a man of Tyrone or Fermanagh.

Mr. Devin is actively engaged in the organisation of the Nationalist Volunteers.

#### MR. DEVLIN'S THREAT.

Leading Nationalists at Belfast approve of the leaders' repudiation of responsibility for the conference.

 $M_r$ . Devlin intimates that he declared if the Government betrays them it has itself to blame. The most desperate acts of the Fenians will be child's play to what would happen throughout Ireland.

#### T.P.'s OPINION.

Mr. T. P. OConnor, M'.P., writing in *Reynolds' Newspaper*, says: - 'We are in the mood of travellers after a long voyage. The Home Rule ship has arrived in harbor, and will soon be berthed. Restlessness and acute anxiety prevail. We must reject Sir Edward Carson's demand for all Ulster, even at the risk of facing Carson's rifles.'

#### DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

#### (By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

July 20.

It is expected that one of our Catholic schools in the city will, from the first of August, be a free school, as financial arrangements for that object have been satisfactorily adjusted.

Rev. Father Furlong, of Devonport, and Messrs. B. McLaughlin (president), G. Rose (vice-president), and Frank Temm (hon. sccretary) of the Auckland Diocesan Council of the Catholic Federation, have left for Wellington to attend the Dominion conference of the Federation as representatives of Auckland.

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#### DEATH

BOWE.—On April 28, 1914, at Wellington (the result of an accident), Michael, beloved husband of Margaret Bowe: native of Paulstown, County Kilkenny, Ireland; aged 42 years. -R.I.P.

#### MARRIAGES

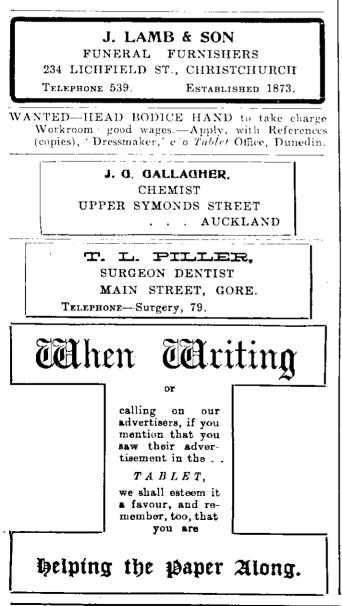
- BAILEY -HYNES- On July 9, 1914, at the Basilica, Wellington, by the Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., Mary, daughter of Mr. Thomas Hynes, of Riccar-ton, Christchurch, to Fred C. Bailey, of New The State Plymouth.
- BRADLEY-SMITH. On July 6, 1914, at St. Mary's Church, Hokitika, by the Rev. Father Clancy, Mary Annie Smith, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Little, to R. Bradley, of Arahura.

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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET. Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica Benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitia causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis. Die 4 Aprilis, 1900. LEO XIII., P.M.

THANSLATION.—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing, let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet con-tinue to promote the cause of Beligion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace. April 4, 1900.

LEO XIII., Pope.



THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1914.

#### THE NEW EDUCATION BILL



HE full text of the Hon. Mr. Allen's new Education Bill has not yet reached us, but from the summarised version which has appeared in the daily papers it is clear that the measure will easily take rank as the most important legislative proposal of the session. Regarding the general provisions of the Bill we hope to have something to say when the disposal of the referendum

question shall leave us time and space for the discussion of more congenial and possibly more profitable topics. For the present we confine ourselves to the provisions of the Bill specially affecting Catholic schools and in-Under the heading 'Inspection of Private terests. Schools, the Bill provides that where the teacher or manager of any private school shall apply to the Director of Education to have the school inspected the Director must arrange for the inspection, and a copy of the inspector's report is to be sent to the teacher or manager of the school. If the senior inspector reports that the school is efficient, the duty of the Director is to cause the school to be registered as a registered primary or secondary school, as the case may be, and its name will be gazetted accordingly. 'Efficient' means in respect to any private schools that the premises, staff, and equipment are suitable and efficient, and that the instruction is as efficient as in a public or secondary school.

In regard to scholarships, the existing law provides that the holder of any junior or senior national scholarships shall be required to pursue his studies diligently at a secondary school, 'or its equivalent approved by the Education Board and the Minister.' In the new Bill the approval of the Minister only, without that of the Education Board, is necessary. The effect of these two sets of provisions is that private primary or secondary schools, certified by the State inspector as efficient, will be registered ; and scholarships and free places won by Catholic children in open competition with children from the State primary or secondary schools will be tenable at registered Catholic secondary schools. This is bare justice-both to the Catholic children and to the whole community. For the object of the scholarships system is to develop, in the interests of the community, the best brains which the community produces; and to the fund which is appropriated for this purpose Catholic taxpayers contribute their full quota. This simple act of justice to Catholics has been many times promised, and is long over-due. The Minister of Education is entitled to all credit for his courage in coming down with a definite, clear-cut proposal, as to the meaning and effects of which there can be no sort of doubt or ambiguity. Viewed as a whole, the new

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Education Bill has impressed the public as a statesmanlike effort to deal with a great and difficult question; and its introduction will certainly bring more kudos to the Ministry than anything that has happened since the Government took office.

#### THE HIBERNIAN 'OATH': AN ORANGE DISCLAIMER

In a recent issue the official publication of the Orange Society disfigured its columns and insulted the intelligence of its readers by printing a copy of the silly and sanguinary production which has been hawked around in parts of Ireland and England, and also in New Zealand as the 'oath' taken by the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Ireland. We have already sufficiently exposed this stupid forgery, and have conclusively refuted the calumny by publishing the actual and only declaration taken by the A.O.H. The 'oath' was printed in the Orange paper simply and baldly as 'The Hibernians' Oath.' Appearing thus in a New Zealand paper, in an article which contained not the faintest reference to any other country, the ordinary reader would naturally take it that the imputation of taking this gory 'oath' was being laid against the Hibernian Society in New Zealand. The H.A.C.B. Society is a registered society; and registered societies are empowered by the law to take proceedings for libel, in the same way as an individual may, when standerous statements are published regarding their organisation. The District Executive of the H.A.C.B. Society in Auckland accordingly placed the matter in the hands of their solicitors, who in turn communicated with the directors of the company which is responsible for the issue of the publication in question. The directors at once expressed their regret, and promised to make the necessary amende. The following is a copy of the secretary's letter:--

'Wellington, N.Z., June 21, 1914. 'Messrs. Devore, Martin, and Prendergast, 'Auckland.

'Gentlemen,-- Your letter of the 19th inst, has been duly received and carefully considered by my directors. They desire me to say that they regret very much that the paragraph should have been supposed to refer to the Hibernian Society of New Zealand. A reference to paragraph 2 on page 14 of the issue of the *Nation* to which you refer will satisfy your clients that nothing of the sort was thought of. The directors also desire me to add that they will, in the next issue of our paper, publish a statement which will make this quite clear. This statement will be given a like prominence to that given to the paragraph to which your clients take exception. You will probably agree that any further publication would not be likely to serve any good purpose, and would only be the means of disseminating the paragraph more widely.--Ou behalf of the directors, I am, yours, etc.,

#### '(Signed) GEORGE PETHERICK, Secretary.'

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Under the heading, 'A Disclaimer,' this promise was duly fulfilled in the last issue of the paper in question. After mentioning that in its previous issue it had published, on page 3, an article headed, 'The Hibernians' Oath,' it continues: 'Owing to an oversight, we omitted to state at the end of the article that it had been extracted from a British paper, but this fact was stated in a separate paragraph on page 14. Lest, however, any of our readers failed to observe the explanatory paragraph, we desire to say that the article in question did not in any way refer to The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society of New Zealand or its members, which is an institution registered under "The Friendly Societies' Act." We make this explanation in justice to The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society of New Zealand.' It is highly satisfactory that, thanks to the prompt action of the Executive, the Orange paper should have been compelled publicly to disclaim the odious imputation which its article was certainly calculated to convey. How the editor of the paper who is a Christian minister, of some educational attain ments- could imagine that any cause could be sustained or advantaged by the publication of such unmitigated rubbish as this bogus 'oath,' or how he can permit himself to be a party to this crude and illiterate propaganda, is one of those things which the reasonable and intelligent citizen can never hope to understand. The same issue of the paper which contained the 'Hibernians' 'Oath'' contained also, in its leading columns, some grave imputations against the members and heads of the Catholic Federation ; and these, too. are now engaging legal attention. The editor is not doing himself justice in engaging in this unworthy work of fomenting bigotry and stirring up religious strife in this young country; and if he continues in this policy, he will find, as others have found, that the way of the transgressor is hard.

# Notes

#### Our Rome Letter

We commence this week, in the shape of a letter from Rome, a new feature which we think will be of very great interest to the readers of the *Tablet*. We have long desired to have a direct communication from Rome; and we have now completed arrangements for a regular weekly letter. Our contributors a priest attached to one of the churches in Rome-- is very favorably situated for obtaining interesting and authentic information.

#### The Referendum Bill

The consideration of the numerous petitions against the Bible-in-Schools Referendum Bill, which have been presented to the House was commenced by the Education Committee of the House on Tuesday. The committee has agreed to hear witnesses representing the three principal parties interested in the Bill, viz., the Bible-in-Schools League, the National Schools Defence League, and the Catholic Federation. The Bible-in Schools League has been invited to send four witnesses and the Defence League and the Catholic Federation two witnesses each. The committee, of which Mr. G. M. Thomson, Member for Dunedin North, is chairman, will sit on Tuesday and Friday of each week. The total number of signatures attached to the petitions against the Bill which have been presented to date is 56,411.

#### Bible-in-Schools Referendum; Peculiar Procedure

Under date July 21, the Parliamentary reporter of the Dunedin Evening Star wires: The Education Committee of the House sat this morning to consider the petitions which have been presented against the Religious Instruction in Schools Referendum Bill. Only a few hours previously the Defence League and the New Zealand Catholic Federation had been informed that they were required to attend for the purpose of giving evidence, the idea being that the evidence of the Bible-in-Schools League should be taken last. That arrangement, especially in view of the fact that the notice was so short, did not meet with the approval either of the League or the Federation. However, Professor Hunter and Bishop Cleary attended, and it is understood that they expressed their views in this direction, and it was arranged that Bishop Cleary should be the first to give evidence, and that he should address the committee on Friday morning. The proceedings are to be open to the press."

#### Bugle or Angelus? Harold Begbie's Appeal

Harold Begbie, the novelist, in a letter to The Times, suggests that, as the Irish question is obviously a religious question, the most hopeful way of approaching a solution is to get the two disputants into a religious frame of mind. With the spirit of his gracious and apposite appeal Catholic Home Rulers everywhere will be in entire sympathy.

'I am convinced,' he writes, 'that Catholic Ireland has already made the first move in this matter. One finds that the chief shops in so Catholic a town as Cork are kept by Protestants; one finds in a Catholic centre like Waterford prosperous Quakers taking a leading part in social and eivie activities; throughout the whole of Catholic Ireland, including the North-West fishing villages of Ulster, Protestants live in perfect amity with their Catholic neighbors, and Catholics all over the country express the most earnest admiration for the good and valuable qualities of the Pro-testant population. This is well known. There is no Protestant question in Catholic Ireland. People are neighborly and good humored. Is it not possible to persuade the Orangemen of Ulster that there are qualities in the Catholic which deserve admiration? Take the Catholic Irishman's wit, his social pleasantness, his imaginative faculties, and the enormous importance be attaches to clustity: are not these things worthy of Protestant friendship? No man in his senses will say that Belfast is as beautiful as Cork, as intellectual as Dublin, as spiritual as Letterkenny or Skibbergen. Is it not manifest that Belfast would be a more beautiful, intellectual, and spiritual city if her leading citizens encouraged the too dour Orangeman not to dwell upon theological differences with Rome, but to imitate the nobler of those good qualities in the Catholic Irishman which make the South of Ireland as charming and gracious a country as Italy or France? This would be a first step.

' No political adjustment can solve the Irish ques' tion. Politics will leave a sore. The difficulty is a religious quarrel between two parties inhabiting one house, and the only way to solve that difficulty is to reconcile the disputants. Can any reconciliation serve this purpose except a religious reconciliation----that is to say, a reconciliation inspired by tolerance, kindness, charity, and reverence for the brotherhood ! I think it is time for party politicians and drill sergeants, and fanatical sectarians to hold their peace. I think it is high time for all those men in the three kingdoms to whom religion is not only the supreme force in creative evolution, but the sovran authority in human life, to end this horrible political brawl and begin a religious settlement. And I can think of no greater glory for the Church of England at this hour than to solve the trish question in this holy way. The bugles have been blowing long enough. It is time for the Angelus to sound. "Kind words," says Faber, "are the music of the world."

#### **DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN**

Rev. P. O'Neill, of Riversdale, returned during the week from Sydney, where he attended the celebrations in connection with the golden jubilee of St. Patrick's Ecclesiastical Seminary, Manly.

A concert will be given in Santa Sabina Schoolroom, North-East Valley, on Friday, by the pupils in aid of the school funds. An excellent programme has been arranged.

Says the Evening Star of July 18:- Congratulations to Mr. J. J. Connor, a very old and esteemed member of the printing trade, who, with his wife, today celebrate their golden wedding at their residence in Black's road, North-East Valley. Arriving in Otago a mere youth in January, 1862, from Melbourne, with the intention of spending a holiday, he met in Dunedin the lady who in July, 1864, became his life partner, and by whom he has a family of a dozen, all of whom have done well for themselves, and are scattered over the Dominion. To working printers he is best known as a member of the firm of Jolly and Connor, who conducted for seven years a prosperous business in the Octagon, and he was the founder, along with the late Bishop Moran, of the *New Zealand Tablet*, which he printed for twelve years and then handed it over to its present proprietary. On retiring from the printing trade, he entered the ranks of the Bonifaces, and was landlord of the Criterion Hotel and other establishments, but the 'trade' was not to his liking, and in it he lost the money he made at his own business. Mr. Connor is 75 and his wife five years his junior. They were the recipients to day of many felicitations from their large family and from hosts of friends all over New Zealand. For the next four months they are promised an enjoyable time in visiting their own descendants and many friends, who join in wishing them many happy returns of the day.'

# Monster Catholic Demonstration

#### PROTESTS AGAINST REFERENDUM BILL

RECORD ATTENDANCE & GREAT ENTHUSIASM

(By telegraph, from our Wellington correspondent.) July 21.

The largest hall that Wellington can boast was all too small for the largest Catholic gathering ever yet held in Wellington. Hundreds were unable to obtain admission. Mr. H. F. O'Leary, LL.B., presided, and there were present his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, his Lordship Bishop Cleary, Very Rev. Dean McKenna, V.G. (Masterton), Rev. Father Coffey, Adm. (St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin), Very Rev. Deans Hills, S.M., V.G., and Hyland, Very Rev. Chancellor Price (Cluistchurch), Ven. Archdeacon Devoy (Vice-Provincial), Very Rev. Dean Darby (Hamilton), and a largo number of the clergy from all parts of the Dominion, as well as lay representatives from every parish in the Dominion.

The proceedings opened with a short concert programme, contributed to by Misses Agnes Segrief and Teresa McEnroe, Signor Viletti, Mr. Indor Mount, and St. Mary's and Marist Brothers' Choirs. The chairman received numerous messages of regret for nonattendance, and apologised for the unavoidable absence through illness of their Lordships the Bishops of Christchurch and Dunedin, with whom he was sure they would all join in offering their sympathy.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea was the first speaker, and was most enthusiastically received. In a stirring speech his Grace combated the impeachment that Catholics were opposed to a national system of education. They had, he said, showed their sincerity in taxing themselves for the upkeep of their Catholic schools in addition to paying towards the upkeep of the State system. He had much pleasure in submitting the following resolution, which he asked them to carry with acclamation -- That this mass meeting of Catholics, made up of representatives and delegates from all parts of the Dominion, respectfully asks Parliament to reject the Religious Instruction in Schools Referendum Bill now before the House, because if carried it will affirm the principle that the vote of a majority may be used to coerce the consciences of a minority, and because it will lead to the taxation of all the people for the teaching of a religion acceptable only to some of the people.

Mr. P. J. O'Regan seconded the resolution, and in an able speech pointed out the inconsistencies of the Bible-in-Schools League, who asserted that a referendum on such a question was democratic politics. Catholics proved their sincerity, he said, by maintaining their own schools for the past forty years. They were there to-night not to attack but to defend, and they were also there to protest against taxes being wrung out of them for the purpose of teaching a State religion suitable to only one section of the community. He had much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

Rev. Father Coffey, who opened his speech in a very humorous way, made himself at once a favorite with the large audience. He contended that the object of the Bible-in-Schools League was to foist the teaching of religion from the clergy to the teachers. He emphasised the breach of confidence with the teachers who joined the service to teach the secular system. He proved by quoting passages from the Australian text-book that the teachers would be called men to teach religion, and quoted the opinions of the Rev. Dr. Don, Presbyterian minister of Dunedin, and the Rev. D. C. Bates, Anglican. He referred to the opinion voiced by the Anglican Synod of New South Wales, who deplored the inactivity of ministers in teaching religion which if not improved would have to be abandoned. He pointed out the effects of the system proposed under the Bill, and proved that nothing but sectarian strife would ensue under it.

The motion was then put and carried with deafening applause.

Bishop Cleary, who was given a splendid ovation, moved the following resolution. 'That we pledge ourselves as Catholics to still further organise and strengthen the Catholic Federation, that we may be able to carry on more effectively the fight against this unjust agitation ontil it is utterly defeated.'

In three and a-half years, his Lordship asserted, the Catholics of Anckland alone had put £61,900 into the sacred cau-e of religious education. He asked what had the League done during the past forty years? Simply, like some of the people in the South African war, fought with their month only. He likened the League to an Orangeman, who asserted that he did not care what color the town hall would be painted as long as it was yellow. The League did not care what kind of religion was taught under the system they were advocating so long as it was their own. The Catholic Church, on the other hand, followed the example that the Master had set them in taking the little ones to its heart and caring for them. He asked could they sink their politi cal feelings and stand shoulder to shoulder and united in strennously resisting this iniquitous measure? To which the large audience responded vociferously 'Yes,' amid applause.

Mr. D. L. Poppelwell, of Gore, in seconding the resolution, dealt with the position of the teachers, who could not conscientiously teach a State religion. In a vigorous speech he denounced the proposals of the Bill, which he had no doubt would be overwhelmingly rejected.

Mr. Angland, of Timaru, briefly supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The proceedings then terminated with the singing of 'Faith of our Fathers,' accompanied by the grand organ, and rousing cheers for his Lordship Bishop Cleary, Archbishop O'Shea, and the chuirman.

#### WEDDING BELLS

#### BRADLEY SMITH.

A very pretty wedding (writes our Hokitika correspondent under date July 12) was celebrated on Monday morning last in St. Mary's Church, this being the first marriage to be solemnized in the new church. The contracting parties were Miss M. A. Smith, nicce of Mr. and Mrs. Little, of Hokitika, and Mr. Robert Bradley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bradley, of Arahura. Rev. Father Chancy performed the coremony. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, looked charming in a pretty frock of ivory satin, with pointed train trimmed with shadow lace and pearls. She wore the customary veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful bouquet of heather and maiden hair fern. The bride was attended by Miss M. Bradley, who wore a pretty frock of pale vieux rose, with black velvet hat trimmed with white fur, and she carried a bouquet of autumn-tinted berries. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. P. Kirwan as best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at Mrs. Little's residence, where the usual toasts were proposed and honored. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Bradley left by motor car *en route* to Christchurch, where the honeymoon will be spent. The young couple carry with them the best wishes of their numerous friends.

#### BAILEY - HYNES.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Basilica, Hill street, Wellington (writes a correspondent), on Thursday, July 9, when Miss Mary C. Hynes was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. Fred C. Bailey, of New Plymouth. Rev. Father Smyth performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father (Mr. Thos. Hynes), of Christeburch, and was attended by her sister-in-law (Miss P. Hynes), Mr. J. Hynes acting as best man. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of Mr. P. Hynes, Thorndon. The newly-wedded couple left by the evening boat for Christeburch, where the honeymoon is being spent, prior to returning to their home in New Plymouth.

#### O'CONNOR-CARROLL.

A very pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) was solemnised in the Catholic church, Brackenbridge, on June 2. The contracting parties were Mr. Michael O'Connor, of Balcairn (youngest son of the late Mr. John O'Connor, Balcairn), and Miss Kathleen Carroll. second daughter of Mr. John Carroll, Balcairn. Rev. Father Richards performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of cream silk colienne, the skirt being draped, and having a train finished with a cluster of orange blossoms and oearls. She wore the customary veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried an ivory backed prayer book, with satin streamers. The bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Carroll (sister of the bride), was attired in a gown of cream crepe de chine, trimmed with silk lace and satin, with purple velvet hat. Mr. Patrick O'Connor (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. After the ceremony the bridal party proceeded to the residence of the bride, where the wedding breakfast was served. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a silver sovereign case. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold keeper ring, and to the bridesmaid a gold band ring. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents, including many cheques. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue costume, and cerise velvet bat, with ostrich feathers to match. The happy couple left by train for Christehurch en soute to Dunediu, where the honeymoon was spent.

#### Hamilton

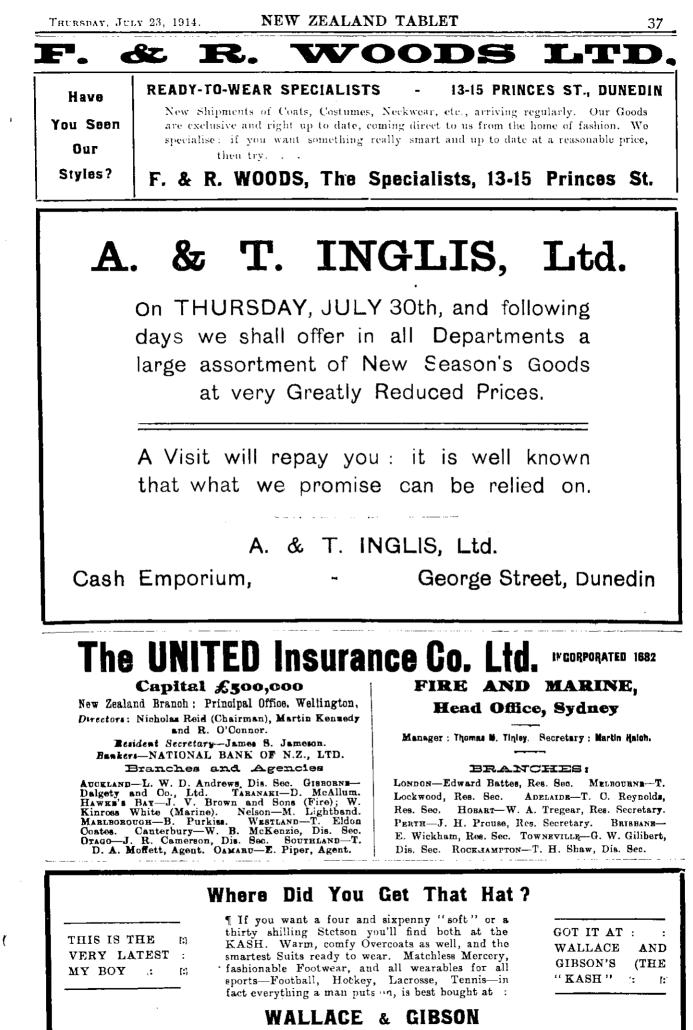
## (From our own correspondent.)

July 17.

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The committee of the Children of Mary Sodality are to be congratulated on the success of their social, which was held in the parish hall on last Monday evening. The hall was crowded, and the dainty supper provided by the ladies left nothing to be desired. The library fund should benefit considerably by the proceeds of the social. The committee, consisting of Misses Fraser (secretary). Farrell, McCarthy, Flynn, Casey, and O'Connor, should be well pleased with the result of their initial efforts.

Those interested in the bazaar in aid of the Dominican Convent, Bluff, will please note the advertisement in regard to the festival, which appears in this issue. Arrangements have been made for special late trains to Invercargill on the opening night and also on the following Saturday.



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### WEDDING BELLS

### GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Monday, July 6, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Drager, of Pinfold road, Woodville, celebrated their golden wedding, surrounded by a small army of descendants, who came from Auckland and the south, and a large gathering of friends and well-wishers. After full justice had been done to the wedding breakfast, several speakers, including Rev. Father McKenna and Mr. Burnett (late Mayor of Woodville), paid high tributes to the respect in which the jubilarians are held in the district. Mr. Drager, in returning thanks, gave some very interesting reminiscences, covering his career from the time he left Germany in 1852, and during a residence of 55 years in the Dominion. Always interested in music, he founded and conducted the first Volunteer Band in Nelson in 1863, with which he was associated for many years. A large number of telegrams were received by the happy couple, and also many handsome presents. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Drager entertained a number of young people to a cuchro party and social.

### Geraldine

### (From an occasional correspondent.)

The local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society held its half-yearly meeting on Monday, July 13. the president (Bro. J. Fuly) being in the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term : President, Bro. J. Lysaght; vice-president, Bro. E. J. Murphy; secretary, Bro. J. Kennedy (re-elected) ; treasurer, Bro. W. E. Lyons; warden, Bro. J. Kelliher; sick visitors, Bros. J. Campbell and J. Brophy; guardian, Bro. W. Cosgrove ; auditors, Bros. J. Gresham and E. Murphy. The retiring president gave an interesting account of the progress of the branch since it was formed five years ago. Starting with only 15 members, it has steadily progressed and now there are 90 names on the roll book. The increase has been more marked during the past twelve months, the society having benefited to the extent of 30 members.

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## Irish News

### GENERAL.

Several thousand Volunteers were expected to take part in a huge Nationalist demonstration held in honor of Wolfe Tone at Bodenstown, County Kildare, where the remains of the hero lie. The demonstration was to be held in June.

Mr. Swift MacNeill, M.P., in a letter to the press, points out that on July 7, 1913, Mr. Bonar Law, speaking in the House of Commons on the third reading of the Home Rule Bill for the second time, remarked that that was the last occasion upon which the Bill would be calmly considered in the House. Mr. MacNeill concludes: 'Mr. Bonar Law's attitude to the Chair proves that the disorder which he predicted, and by predicting incited, had, in the words of Mr. Speaker, his ''assent and approval.'''

The series of tobacco-growing experiments begun in Ireland ten years ago by the Department of Agriculture is now concluded. Full details and complete statistics are not yet available, but the evidence is considered to 'justify the most confident expectations.' Nine kinds of tobacco were grown by nineteen farmers in six selected counties on ninety-two acres, besides about sixty acres planted under the Small Growers' scheme started three years ago. The crops have varied greatly in quantity and quality, according to the atmospheric conditions that prevailed : and the dry harvesting weather needed for the best results is difficult to secure in the weeping climate of Ireland.

The proposal that the Duke of Connaught should be the first Home Rule Vicerov in Ireland has been again revived, it being stated that his Royal Highness has a great liking for Ireland, and that he has been sounded by the Cabinet as to his willingness to become Lord-Lieutenant on the establishment of Home Rule. Of course, such an appointment would be extremely appropriate, but a great many people would prefer to see Lord Aberdeen retain his post until after Home Rule has been enacted. It was under his first Vice-Royalty that the union of hearts was effected. He went into Dublin the representative of a tyrannical British Government, and under the armed escort of battalions of military. In 1886, on leaving, after the defeat of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Government, Lord and Lady Aberdeen were escorted out of the city by the bands of the Dublin trades.

On hearing the news of the Unionist victory at Ipswich, the Orangemen of Derry paraded the streets of the Nationalist quarter with shouts of 'No Home Rule!' Their provocation was ignored. Letters written by Most Rev. Dr. Mclfugh were received by the local elergy, advising them to restrain their congregations from all outward demonstration of joy when the third reading of the Home Rule Bill was passed, and Rev. M. B. McConville wrote a similar letter, which was read at all the Masses in St. Peter's Church, Lurgan, and in all the Catholic churches of Belfast the  $\operatorname{people}$ were entreated not to indulge in any public rejoicing, and that persons acting contrary to that would be regarded with distrust and as enemies of their dearest interests. The Ulster Volunteers, it had been said, had arranged to assemble in Enniskillen, and to scize the Town Hall, the Post Office, and other buildings for the Provisional Government. A rumor pervaded Clones that the Volunteers intended to set up there a Pro-visional Government. This was the outcome of a resolution of the County Monaghan Orangemen, who stated that they would never submit to a Dublin Parliament.

### PLAIN TALK.

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The Nation says: ---' Has it come to this, that guns, rifles, and ammunition for use against the King's soldiers (for that is their only possible objective) may not properly be seized before they enact murder and treason? That Ulster is forbidden ground to the British Army? Who takes this attitude? Let the Tory leaders assume it if they dare. This is not, as Mr. Bonar Law supposes, matter for a trial by a body of judges, selected on the model of the Parnell Commissioners. It is a subject for inquisition by the High Court of Parliament, which is fully armed to deal with cases of rebellion against the Crown. The rebels in question, indeed, turning social order upside down, vaunt and deploy their own force, while they treat a mild answering strategy from the King's troops as treason to their own usurpation. In their eyes the Executive has lost the right to march its soldiers over British soil because, for reasons of policy, it has chosen to turn a blind eve to the signals of anarchy in Ulster. Now we much hope to see that doctrine presented by Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons, and to observe what the country thinks of it. If we are not mistaken, there are millions of men and women in Britain who would wildly applaud the issue of warrants against the whole pack of self-confessed traitors, from Sir Edward Carson downwards, and the turning of the "rebel" administration neck and crop out of Belfast Town Hall and the placing of that building under a mixed guard of regulars and constabulary, would seem a mild military preliminary to such a policy. It may come to that; and if anyone tells us that the Government that did it would be turned down, we assure him that he knows nothing of popular temper. Pity for honest fanaticism, even an understanding of the roots of its worst follies, there does exist in Liberal and Nonconformist Britain, But no compunction for its English seducers and paymasters, and less than none for the schemers who have used it for party ends. All is question of polity and temper. The Government holds its hands to the last moment, and in face of the most impudent provocation. It may be right; at this hour, in view of its earlier weakness, perhaps it is right. But we are convinced that if its leaders chose to meet Mr. Law with his own weapons (not of the tongue, but of the sword, which he has tried to twist out of the King's hand), they would more than repeat their vic-tory over the House of Lords. The hour may come when State exigencies will force this test upon them, as the only possible road to the recovery of national unity and self-respect.'

### THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE IN IRELAND.

Thanks to the action of the Irish Hierarchy and the zealous work of the Capuchin Fathers, the temperance movement has for some years been making great strides in Ireland. Effective measures have been taken to popularise it, and the habit of total abstinence has become preity common amongst young and old. That the movement will receive a fresh impetus from the Congress which is to be held in Dublin in June (says the Liverpool Catholic Times) is beyond question. The organising committee has secured the hearty co-operation of the clergy throughout the country. Information will be submitted which will be most valuable to tem-perance workers. They will learn what are the parishes in which temperance organisations exist, and where systematic efforts are made to keep up the total abstinence propaganda. On the other hand, attention will be called to the condition of parishes in which little or nothing has been done for the cause, and where, accordingly, there is scope for the exercise of zeal. A stimulus will also be given to temperance teaching in the schools, and the plan of a general Total Abstinence Union will be presented by the Provincial of the Capuchins, Very Rev. Father Aloysius. At a time when Ireland is preparing for that labor of love, the work of self-government, no more fitting assemblage could be held in her capital than the National Catholic Total Abstinence Congress.

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## People We Hear About

The death occurred recently, at his residence, Maida Valé, London, of Signor Tito Mattei, the famous musical composer. He was born in 1841 at Campobasso, near Naples, and gave his first public concert in that city at the age of five. Before going to England, where he had lived for over sixty years, Tito Mattei had, at the age of eleven, been appointed a professor at the St. Cecilia Academy in Rome, and he was still a boy when his splendid pianoforte playing delighted Pope Pius IX., who in proof of his appreciation presented the young musician with a gold medal.

The wit of Mr. Lowther, the Speaker of the House of Commons, is proverbial. But he excelled himself recently when called upon to interveno in a squabble which had occurred between two ladies who are frequent visitors to the Ladies' Gallery. There was some bickering over a favorite seat, and, as the trouble seemed likely to develop into an unpleasant quarrel, Mr. Lowther was asked to secure due observance of law and order by other occupants of the gallery. His reply must surely have cast oil on the troubled waters if the ladies had any seuse of humor. 'The Speaker,' he wrote in a message, 'much regrets that he is so fully occupied in endeavoring to keep order among the demons below that he has no time to attend to the angels above.'

Monsignor Benson recently stated that his conversion to Catholicity began when he was travelling down the Nile in Egypt. 'At one place,' he says, 'where we stopped I discovered that the Catholic Church was located not in the middle of the city, not near the hotels, where it would have the 'patronage'' of the fashionable, but in a section where the poor Arabs lived in mud-huts. Here was a priest giving to these people the same message that was given to the members of the Roman communion in the most stately cathedrals of the world. The thought broke in upon me, I think for the first time, that that religion must be the true religion of Christ, for He had come that His message might reach all.'

Irish people in all parts of the world will regret to hear that the venerable patriot, Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, grandson of Robert Emmet's brilliant brother, Thomas Addis Emmet, of '98, is in feeble health athis home in New York. He is under the constant care of nurses and physicians. Dr. Emmet, writes the New York Freeman's Journal, who has been a world figure as a physician and a militant force in the fight for Irish Home Rule for half a century, is approaching his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary. Dr. Emmet is one of the few men in America who have been made Papal Counts. He is a convert to Catholicity, having become a Catholic in 1867. He was born at the University of Virginia, where his father, Dr. John Patton Emmet, foremost chemist of his day, was delivering a course of lectures. Until a few years ago he was consulting physician and surgeon to six of New York's great hospitals at one time. During the life of the Irish National League of America he served as its president. At different times he has been an officer of nearly every national medical association.

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### Remuera

### (From an occasional correspondent.)

In spite of the unsettled state of the weather, the Remuera Catholics' third annual 'At home,' popularly known as the 'Green Ball,' which was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening last, was admittedly the most brilliant social event of the year. The proceeds of these 'At homes' go towards the building fund for a new church at Remuera. Last year's gathering yielded a profit of £84, and as Father Dovle was anxious that this year's entertainment should eclipse all preceding ones, everything possible was done to make it an emphatic success. This object was achieved, the guests present numbering fully 1000, including spectators, who were accommodated in the balcony seats. All were received by Father Doyle and his official committee in the main hall and directed to the ballroom, or to the card-room, where progressive eachre was played, as they desired. There were visitors from every part of the city and suburbs, and also from Hamilton, Rotorua, and Cambridge, as well as from Wellington and other centres. Among those present were Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Forde, O'Doherty, Kirrane, Clarke, Skinner, and Dignan. The scheme of decoration throughout was green and gold, and the supper tables looked particularly attractive and dainty under their floral and silver decorations. Most of the success of the function was due to the devoted and hard work of the hon, secretary, Mr. F. W. Grey.

### Karangahake

### (From our own correspondent.)

When it became known that Mrs. P. Nolan was leaving the district, it was decided that a public farewell should be tendered to her. Although the notice was very short, the Societies' Hall was crowded on the evening of the social. Several vocal items were rendered during the evening. Very Rev. Archdeacon Hackett addressed the meeting, and spoke in high terms of the sterling character of Mrs. Nolan, and the high esteem in which she was held by the people of Karangahake, and on conclusion presented her with a purse of sovereigns from her friends and well-wishers. Mr. George Snelgar replied on behalf of Mrs. Nolan.

At the annual meeting of the Catholic Club, Mr. John Patton was elected president, and Mr. M. Farrell secretary for the current year. A strong executive was also elected. At a meeting held on June 28, resolutions were passed regretting the loss the club had suffered through the departure of Mr. J. Arns from the district, and authorising the presentation of a souvenir. accordance with above resolutions a souvenir was forwarded to Very Rev. Dean Darby, Hamilton, where Mr. Arns has settled, for public presentation, along with a letter from the club's secretary containing the resolutions. Mr. Arns was a most enthusiastic supporter of the club since it started, as well as being a hardworking member of the congregation, and his place will be hard to fill. Mr. Thos. Dolan, another prominent member of the club, has also left the district, and will be much missed by his fellow-members. A strong protest was forwarded to the Prime Minister by the club's president against the introduction of the Referendum Bill, and a further protest was signed by the Paeroa, Karangahake, Waikino, and Komata representatives of the Catholic Federation on Sunday, July 12, and forwarded to Wellington by the Very Rev. Archdeacon Hackett. A strong feeling of indignation has been aroused in this district, amongst all sections of the community against the Prime Minister for permitting such a one-sided and unfair proposition to come before Parliament.

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### **ITEMS OF SPORT**

### GENERAL.

Mr. J. Kilmartin, Dunedin, has been elected a delegato to the annual boxing conference which is to be held at Wanganui.

The English ladies' hockey team arrived in Sydney on July 5. They will play eight matches there, and com-pete in the New South Wales tournament, and will sail for New Zealand on the 25th inst.

For the sixth time, Harry Vardou, the famous golf player, has won the open championship of the world. He had a great struggle with his old rival, Taylor, who finished three strokes behind the champion. Onimet. the American player, who defeated Ray and Vardon in an open championship in America, was one of the competitors, but he might well be labelled in racing terms as ' also ran.

Challenges are flying about in eyeling circles (says the Sydney Freeman's Journal). An admirer of P. O'Shea, the New Zealand champion, has offered to put up a side wager of £50 and back him to beat George Horder, the champion of this State. As Horder has accepted the challenge, all that is now necessary is for both riders to put up a deposit to bind the match. Veteran Horder is in particularly fine form just now, and, while admitting that the New Zealander is a hard man to defeat, he is confident of lifting the stake money. RUGBY.

About 6000 people witnessed the Northern Union football match between England and Hawke's Bay on Saturday afternoon, at Napier. A very interesting game resulted in a win for the visitors by 30 points to 7.

The second Northern League representative match of the season was played at Wanganui on Saturday afternoon in dull weather. The result was a win for Wanganui over the visitors (Manawatu) by 17 points to 8, after a fair game.

Following are the results of Saturday's matches in Christehurch :-- Old Boys beat Christehurch by 8 points to 6; Merivale beat Linwood by 11 points to 5; Albion beat Sydenham by 16 points to nil; University beat Marists by 12 points to 10.

Following are the results of Saturday's matches in Wellington :- University beat Athletic by 10 points to 3: Wellington beat Oriental by 11 points to 3; Petone beat St. James by 44 points to nil: Poneke beat Melrose by 11 points to 6. University's defeat of Athletic, who still lead for the championship, was a great surprise

The tie between the Ponsonby and North Shore League teams for the first grade championship was played off at Auckland on Saturday afternoon in the presence of 7000 spectators. The sum of £300 was taken at the gates, a record for club matches. North Shore outclassed Ponsonby in every department of the game, and won by 13 points to 2.

On Saturday last the first Rugby test match of the season between Australia and New Zealand was played in Sydney, in the presence of 9000 spectators. Owing to the heavy nature of the ground, the forwards on either side had all the play, and the game resulted in a win for the All Blacks by 5 points to nil. It is expected that the team will give a much better account of itself when it works up some combination.

In Rugby football in Dunedin on Saturday there were no outstanding features in the various grado matches, the bad weather militating against first-class back exhibitions, the play in all the matches being con-fined to the forwards. The results were as follow:----University (30) beat Duncdin (nil), Zingari (25) beat Alhambra (3), Kaikorai (20) beat Pirates (nil), and Southern (14) beat Port Chalmers (3).

The second round of the Auckland Rugby Football Union's senior grade championship was concluded on Saturday, in fine weather. City beat Marist Brothers by 6 points to 3, and Ponsonby beat College Rifles by 187 points to 3. The championship points are:---Uni-versity 14, City 14, Ponsonby 11, Marist Brothers 7, Old Boys 7, College Rifles 4. University and City will play off for the championship, probably next Saturday.

In the primary schools' senior football competition (writes our Christchurch correspondent), Marist Brothors met and defeated Woolston by 69 points to nil. Tries were scored by Tucker (5), Batchelor (4), Williams (3), Patrick (2), Gibbs (2), Neilson, Fahey, McLaren, Main and Williams converted three each. Playing against East Christchurch School Marist Brothers scored 35 points to nil. Tries were secured by Gibson (2), Sloane (2), Williams, Barker, Neilson, and Pat-rick: Sloane kicked a penalty goal, Williams converted three and Main one.

On Thursday last (writes an Oamaru correspondent under date July 13) the Celtic Club met and were defeated by the Athletic team by a considerable margin At the present time the Celtics are sufferof points. ing from that bugbear of all our local clubs and institutions-namely, the removal of members to other The Greens played five men short of their towns. match team, the places being filled by novices and juniors, and this soon told against such a heavy team as Athletic put into the field. At the close of the first spell, the Celts were holding their own, but the second half told on the weakened team, with the result that points were quickly piled against them. The ground being heavy also suited their opponents, and the final scores read-Athletic 20 points. Celtic 8. For the Celtic, Harper scored a good try, which was converted by O'Donnell, who also placed a beautiful penalty goal. Mansell and O'Donnell played up to their usual form among the backs, and the forwards all worked well.

Last Saturday (writes a Hamilton correspondent, under date July 10) St. Mary's senior football team improved their position in the championship ladder by defeating Frankton by 3 points to nil (a splendid goal kicked by Mouat from just on half way). Much interest was centred in this match, and it was the general opinion that the Green and Whites would go under. It was, however, not to be, although the issue was in doubt right up to the call of time. The score, however, is a fair indication of the respective merits of both teams. This match places our seniors level with Morrinsville, the leading team for the championship. It is hard to single anyone out for mention as the whole team played a dashing game. Roach, Devine, Murphy, and Brown were specially prominent. St. Mary's juniors suffered a totally unexpected defeat at the hands of Frankton by 9 points to 6. Frankton had a weak toam on the field, and it was doubtful right up to the last moment as to whether they would be able to muster a full team. There is absolutely no excuse for St. Mary's defeat (on previous form they were stone morals ), and if they continue to play the same as they did last Saturday they will be very lucky if they win another match this season. Our forwards were outclassed by the opposing pack and the only remedy I can suggest is to play two wing forwards in future matches. Had this been done last week, the score would probably have been more favorable to St. Mary's.

### ASSOCIATION.

The following are the results of the Soccer matches played in Dunedin on Saturday :--- Mornington A (3 goals) beat Green Island (uil), Northern (3 goals) beat Mornington B (nil), High School Old Boys (5 goals) beat Roslyn-Wakari (2 goals), Ravensbourne (6 goals) beat Maori Hill (1 goal), Kaitangata (7 goals) beat Christian Brothers (nil).

### HARRIERS.

The St. Joseph's Harriers held their run on Saturday from St. Joseph's Hall, as guests of Mesdames M. A. Jackson, Stone, and Rowley. Paper being dispensed with, the pack, with F. O'Sullivan as pacemaker, had a good run, and afterwards sat down to an excellent tea provided by the hostesses. Mr. Butcher thanked the three ladies for their kindness, at the same time eulogising their keen interest in the welfare of the harriers.



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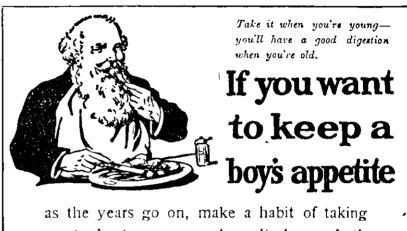
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THE CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

### TO THE EDITOR.

Sin,-It is reported in one of the local papers that the general secretary of the Catholic Federation (Mr. Girling-Butcher) is credited with saying at a meeting of the Catholic Immigration Society that notwithstanding the 'pessimistic' attitude or utterances of certain Catholics the success of the latter society was assured. It is a matter for congratulation to all Catholics it is so, but might 1 suggest that a good deal of this 'pessimism' of which this gentleman complains is very much attributable to the very careless and indifferent manner in which this special concern under his control is carried on ? For instance, although there have been several publications issued by the Federation no copy has ever found its way to me, a subscriber, nor yet on inquiry at the office could I obtain any trace of the fact of my name being recorded as a member of the Federation, and it is no excuse to affirm 'you should apply to the local secretary,' because as a properly conducted business concern every name should be recorded in the archives of the head office outside the local register, if that person is a member.

Again, the Federation has been in vogue for over a year yet no balance sheet has been vouchsafed, and it would be interesting to know how the subscriptions are spent which are so glibly demanded, and what services are rendered in return for the outlay. I must admit while I have always been able to derive both profit and instruction from the zeal of the elergy, for all the good or benefit I have ever received from the Federation, beyond the knowledge of the fact I was an unknown quantity as far as they were concerned, either as to membership or a recipient of their publications, I fancy I would have done much better to use my subscription to defray personal expenses, and which I intend to do in the future until I am assured of better promise and more business-like aptitude than at present displayed by those in command.

Apart from all this is it kind or fair to stigmatise our friends thus, who, in their laudable anxiety to help in the temporal affairs of the Church, try to bring all these undertakings into business lines to avoid disappointment or what is worse. It is not only the right but the duty of every intelligent Catholic to weigh the pros and cons of any undertaking which may be proposed and which they will be called upon to maintain: otherwise any simple person seized with chimerical ideas (though good in themselves yet not necessarily practical) will be tempted to foist the same upon the credulity and generosity of others. In matters of faith or morals the authority of the Church is unquestionable and supreme; but there are no Vatican Decrees laying down incontrovertible conditions as to how temporal institutions should be conducted, apart from the religious aspect, so in purely lay affairs, especially those involving fiscal administration, the greatest care and supervision should be exercised by those responsible for the liability or likely to be made so .--- I am, etc.,

### Wellington.

### GEO. LAMBERT.

[Charges of not publishing a balance sheet ought not to be so lightly made. A full financial report and balance sheet, covering the year ending February 14, 1914, were presented at the meeting of the Dominion Council held on February 18, 1914; and the balance sheet was published in full in the N.Z. Tablet of February 26, 1914. Fair and reasonable criticism will doubtless be welcomed by the Executive of the Federation, as being in every way calculated to strengthen its position. We have, however, excised portion of our correspondent's letter, for we cannot, at this hour of the day, publish letters arguing against the necessity of an organisation which in America, England, Australia,

and New Zealand, has received the warm approval and hearty endorsement of the Catholic hierarchy ---- En. N.Z.T.

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## Intercolonial

Rev. Brother Vincent Hurley passed away at the Lewisham Private Hospital, Sydney, on June 15. He was a native of Co. Cork, Ireland, and was in his sixty-sixth year. He joined the Christian Brothers at the age of 23 years. He came to Australia in 1882, and had devoted 32 years to the noble calling of Christian education.

Seven students from De la Salle College, Armidale, were among the successful candidates at the recent State Public Service examination (says the Sydney Freeman's Journal). For the past two or three years the college has secured splendid results in these examinations. Several students were also presented for the recent Junior University examination and many others are to sit at the end of the year.

It has just been officially announced (says the Southern Cross. Adelaide) that the Marist Brothers have acquired 'Paringa Hall,' a magnificent property and mansion at Brighton, for the purpose of transferring the Sacred Heart College, which at present is situated at Largs Bay. 'Paringa Hall' is perhaps one one of the finest mansions in South Australia... Its spacious halls render it very suitable for college work. The house stands on a 10-acre block of land, which is beautifully laid out with gardens and lawns. Choice shrubs and trees are much in evidence. A seven-acre block on the other side of the road is also included in the property. This will need very little to convert it into one of the best school playgrounds in the State.

The magnificent meeting, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, on last Sunday, says the *Monitor* (Tasmania) of June 19, to formally launch the Australian Catholic Federation, must inspire hope and enthusiasm in the heart of every true Catholic. That great meeting, presided over by his Graee the Archbishop, supported by the elergy and leading laymen, is a happy augury for the complete success of the movement. The presence of Mr. T. J. O'Brien, the General Secretary in Victoria, as a representative of the Federation in the sister States, showed that our fellow-Catholics throughout Australasia are gratified at the inauguration of the movement in Tasmania, and will render us all possible information and advice as to the best means of developing and perfecting our new organisation.

It has been announced (says the Sydney Freeman) that the Very Rev. J. A. Heavey, Prior, O.S.A., New Ross, Ireland, has been appointed Vicar-Apostolic of Cooktown, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his Lordship Bishop Murray. While the people of Ross are delighted at the honor conferred upon Father Heavey, they will regret his departure from amongst them, for during the three years which be has spent as Prior in the town, he won the highest esteem and popularity. He succeeded the Very Rev. Dominick Nolan, as Prior of New Ross, Father Nolan having been transferred to Limerick. We congratulate the Very Rev. Father Heavey and the Augustinian Order on the great honor that has been conferred on him.

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### By VOLT.

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### All About Corks.

Very few people understand how corks are made, or where cork trees grow. The cork tree, on an average, lives 100 years, and its average height is 25 to 30 feet. It is a native of the Mediterraneau basin in northerm Africa. Corsica, southern France, and the Iberiau Peninsula. It does not grow in America except in spots--dry, warm places of mild temperature. These trees are very rare, and considered great curiosities. The cork tree is valued for its bark : the best time to strip it is in July or August. The outer bark of the tree is first stripped when it is about 25 years old. This removal of the rough bark, or outer skin, as some would call it, causes a growth of finer quality. This requires about eight or nine years, and the quality improves with each successive stripping.

### Musical Safes.

Nowadays the safe thief must be a highly-trained expert. The Bill Sykes type of burglar has passed. Every year the work of the professional safe-breaker becomes harder and more dangerous. Actually music must now form a part of his training. The latest type of safe has no locks, keys, or keyholes. Instead, there is a highly-stretched wire, which responds to its own musical note. The wire is connected with an electric battery inside the safe, and to open one must sound a tuning-fork, or a note on bugle, organ, or trumpet, in precisely the same way as the wire. When the note is sounded, the sensitive wire vibrates, and turns on the current which operates the locking mechanism. Three wires are used in some instances, necessitating, of course, three trumpet blasts in different keys before the mechanism will work. The obvious danger to this apparatus is, of course, that one of the wires might get out of tune, in which case the safe would remain snugly locked until the right key was struck.

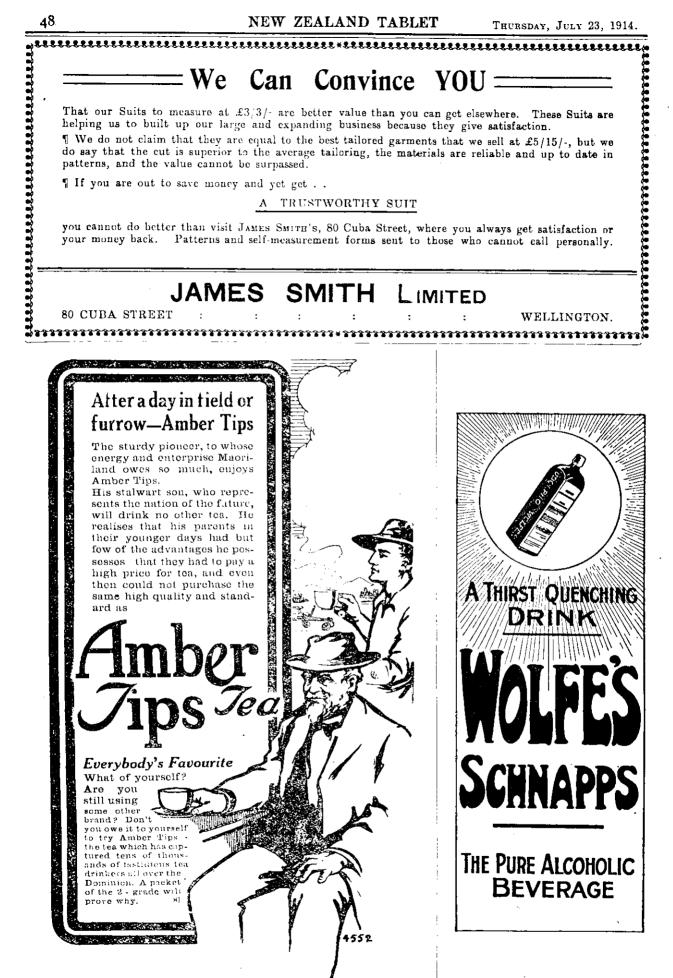
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Another step forward to promote the advance of the project of a Catholic boarding college for boys of the South Island was taken this week in the appointment of the Rev. Father Quinn, S.M., to collect funds for the purpose of beginning building operations (writes our Christchurch correspondent, writing under date July 13).

It will be remembered that a property of over 30 acres was purchased some short time ago at Papanui, Christchurch, for this purpose, and it is hoped that, as a result of the appeal that is being made, building operations may be commenced next year.

The object of Father Quinn's mission is to visit every parish in the diocese of Christehurch to collect money for this work. He purposes doing South Canter bury first, starting at Waimate on Sunday, July 12.

When it is realised that up to the present there is no boarding school for the purpose of higher general education for our Catholic boys, existing in the South Island, it will be seen that a work of this nature is of very pressing urgency. The school question is the most important question that concerns Catholics in New Zealand at the present time. It is in order to saleguard the faith of our children that we Catholies have made so many sacrifices in the past, in order to provide our own schools where our little ones may be instructed amid Catholic surroundings and in a Catholic atmosphere. The Church has ever shown a most tender care in the instruction of her children, and Catholics of New Zealand in common with Catholics throughout the world have realised that their children in the most impressionable years of their lives must not only be taught the truths of religion and trained to religious practices, but must also be safeguarded, in the teaching, from any influence or example that tends to weaken or destroy their faith or in any way diminish their love of religion.

Hence the reason why our Catholic primary schools are to be found so numerous throughout the land. The same reasons also obtain for the existence of Catholic high schools or colleges, where our sons and daughters may receive that higher education that is necessary, if they wish to go through life on an equality with their fellow-citizens, for whom the State has so abundantly provided in the matter of higher education. Hence it is hoped that the establishment of a boys' boarding school in Christchurch will appeal to all by reason of its necessity and urgency.

As this is a huge undertaking, for which we can hope for no help at all from the State, it is hoped that the friends and well-wishers of such a noble object will rally round the Marist Fathers and help them very soon to place in Christchurch a college most up to date in every way. In the case of those who would wish to help this good work, and whom Father Quinn will not be able to see, any subscriptions forwarded to the Very Rev. C. Graham, S.M., M.A., Rector of St. Bede's, Ferry road, Christehurch, will be gratefully acknowledged.

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### Ashburton

### (From an occasional correspondent.)

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The following is a list of pupils presented by the Sisters of Notre Dame des Missions, all of whom wero successful in passing Rudiments of Music, in the Royal College of Music examinations: Dorothy C. Cullen, 92: Ellen Hanrahan, 87: Anna Bradley, 84: Olive Christie, 81; Ella Langley, 76; Dorothy Brown, 67.

### Gore

### (From an occasional correspondent.)

July 13.

At the half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society Bro. E. Kelleher presided over a very large attendance of sisters and brothers, The following officers were elected for the ensuing term :---Past-president, Bro. Ed. Kelleher: president, Bro. J. E. Quirk : vicc-president, Bro. B. Kelly ; secretary, Bro. M. G. Francis : treasurer, Bro. A. P. Hoffman : warden, Bro. E. F. McGowan; guardian, Bro. H. F. Sullivan; sick visitors Gore, Sister E. Ford and Bros M. Sexton and F. J. Huttou; Mataura, Bro. D. McGowan; assistant secretary, Bro. J. F. Mallon; auditors, Bros. H. F. Sullivan and B. Kelly: delegates to the Catholic Fed-eration, Bros. J. E. Quirk (president), and M. A. O'Neill, P.P., Bro. Ed. Kelleher, P.P., installed the new officers. After the conclusion of the meeting, Bro. Ed. Kelleher, P.P., invited all to partake of supper, which he had kindly provided. Supper over, a presentation of a past-president's certificate was made to Bro. M. A. O'Neill, retiring P.P. Sister Ford and Bro. A. H. Smith contributed songs, which were much appreciated. The meeting terminated with expressions of good fellowship to Bro. Kelleher, P.P., for the pleasant evening spent, which it was hoped would be the forerunner of many in the near future.

### Bluff

### (From an occasional correspondent.)

Increased activity, if that be possible, is being thrown into the preparation for St. Teresa's benefit bazaar, now that the date, August 5, has been fixed for the opening. Many beautiful articles are being exhibited in shop windows and elsewhere, and wary indeed would be a visitor to the Bluff who would escape the many zealous promoters, who are anxious to add to their lists of ticket-holders, competitors, and other victims. There is every hope that the bazaar will place the Catholics in the enviable position of having a handsome, well-furnished school for their children, entirely free from debt.

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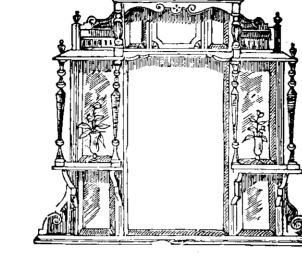
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### INTER-CATHOLIC SOCIETIES' DEBATING UNION

### (From our Wellington correspondent.)

The first debate in connection with the recently formed Inter-Catholic Societies' Debating Union, was decided on Thursday night, July 9, at St. Anne's Catholic Clubrooms. The contestants were St. Anne's Catholic Club (affirmative) and Wellington Catholic Club (negative), the subject being, 'Socialism: will it work? Mr. G. Dee occupied the chair, and Rev. Father H. J. Herring, S.M., judged the debate. The question as it stood, was one the exact meaning of which was debatable, for the affirmative took the question to mean---'Socialism will work-that is, that it will actually come into existence, --but whether it would work successfully is the subject for another debate.' The negative, on the other hand, debated the question from the standpoint--'Socialism: will it work successfully?' Both opinions were permissible, but they imposed extra difficulty on the judge.

The speakers for the two clubs were—St. Anne's: Messrs. O. N. Foote, J. Fagan, and F. Galvin (leader); Wellington; Messrs J. R. Grant, R. Duffy, and C. P. McKenzie (leader). The conditions of the debate were First and second speakers of each side 10 minutes, and third speaker (leader) 15 minutes. The debate proved to be most interesting and instructive and decidedly spirited, but it was affected slightly on account of the different aspects of the question argued by each side. The judge, in adjudicating, allowed points under the headings of argument (50), language (25), and delivery (25) for each speaker, and for general connection or continued argument, 100 points for each side.

The result was as follows: - St. Anne's -Mr. Foote, 67; Mr. Fagan, 55; and Mr. Galvin, 87; continued argument, 80; total, 289 points. Wellington Mr. Grant, 70; Mr. Duffy, 58; and Mr. McKenzie, 80; continued argument, 60; total points, 268. St. Anne's were declared the winners by 21 points. The rev. judge 'reviewed the speakers and ex-

The rev. judge 'reviewed the speakers and explained the allocation of points to each individual speaker. He was heartily thanked by Messrs, C. P. McKenzie (secretary to the union) and J. Fagan (president of the St. Anne's Club). The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chair.

### Timaru

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### (From our own correspondent.)

July 13. On Sunday, at the 7.30 o'clock Mass, the members of the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Sodality, as well as the members of the Celtic Football Club, in regalia, approached the Holy Table in large numbers. The 9 o'clock Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Tasmania, who, in announcing the ceremony of the afternoon, made an eloquent appeal to all for subscriptions to defray the cost of the bells.

A Solemn High Mass was celebrated at eleven o'clock, Very Rev. Dean Hills, V.G., being celebrant. Very Rev. Dean Tubman deacon, Rev. Father O'Donnell subdeacon, and Rev. Father Murphy master of ceremonies. The music of the Mass was rendered by the choir in a very devotional manner.

At half-past two the peal of cight bells, the finest yet imported into the Dominion, were blessed by Very Rev. Dean Hills, in the unavoidable absence of his Lordship Bishop Grimes through sickness. The solenn and unusual service attracted a large congregation, a number of those present being non-Catholics. The Very Rev. Dean Hills first addressed the congregation and prefaced his remarks by apologising for the absence of his Lordship Bishop Grimes, who would very much have liked to be present on that occasion. After fully explaining their origin and use and the manuer of blessing the bells, he paid a warm tribute of praise to Dean Tubman and the Catholics of Timaru for the magnificent church they had erected for the service of God, and said he felt sure that, as they had acted so generously in the

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past, they would that day live up to their reputation, and contribute in their usual generous manner, remembering that they were giving to God Himself.

Very Rev. Dean Tubman said a few words, thanking Dean Hills for his kind remarks, and reminding the congregation that they owed a debt of gratitude to the late Mr. Nicholas Quinn, who had bequeathed £300 towards purchasing a chime of bells for the new church. The collectors then went round the church, and as a result of their efforts over £200 was contributed.

The ceremony of blessing was then proceeded with, the Vicar-General being assisted by Dean Tubman as deacon, Rev. Father Aubry as subdeacon, and Rev. Father Murphy as master of ceremonies. The visiting clergy present in the sanctuary were—Rev. Fathers Taylor, Kerley, and Herring (Temuka) and O'Donnell (Tasmania). The bells now in course of erection were made by the celebrated firm of John Warner and Sons, England. The heaviest weighs nearly a ton, and probably in a week or ten days they will ring out their first chime.

The half-yearly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society was held on Monday night, the president (Bro. V. Goulding) in the chair. There was a large attendance, including the chaplain (Very was a large attendance, including the chaptain (very Rev. Dean Tubman). Bros. Rev. Father Holbrook and P. J. Nerbeny were appointed as the branch's delegates at the half-yearly meeting, to be held in August at Auckland. The quarterly balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed that the branch was making splendid progress, both the funds and membership increasing in a very satisfactory manner. A motion protesting against the proposed Referendum Bill on the Bible-in-schools question was proposed and carried unanimously, a copy of which was forwarded to the Premier. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Bro. W. Fitzgerald; vice-presi-dent, Bro. M. Hyland; secretary, Bro. P. Mahoney; treasurer, Bro. J. Sullivan; sick visitors, Bros. M. Sullivan and J. Shea; warden, Bro. C. A. Watt; guardian, Bro. M. O'Connor; assistant secretary, Bro. M. Schaab: auditors, Bros. J. G. Venning and M. Hyland. Bro. T. Niall, P.P., installed the new officers and congratulated them on their election. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, and it was decided to present the retiring president, Bro. Goulding, with a past president's certificate, as a mark of appreciation of his services while president of the branch.

### Oamaru

### (From our own correspondent.)

Following is the result of the theory examination conducted in May at the local centre, under the auspices of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music, 'London: —

Rudiments of Music (full marks, 99; pass, 66).--Mabel Currie (Miss Gilligan, A.T.C.L.), 94; Maude Cartwright (Miss Cartwright, L.A.B.), 93; Maud McCone (Dominican Convent), 93.

### Westport

### (From an occasional correspondent.)

The following results of successes gained this year in connection with the Royal Academy Theoretical Examinations of Music are recorded by the Convent of Mercy, Westport:--Advanced Harmony--Miss Martin. Local Centre Rudiments--Vera Rogers, Josephine Linniger, Mary Guilfoyle, Marie Elton, Alice Castle. Lower Division Harmony Tha Sunley, Nora Crabb. Division I. -Olga Taylor.

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### GARDENING NOTES

(By MR. J. JOYCE, Landscape Gardener, Christehurch.)

### THE APRICOT TREE.

The apricots must be treated somewhat similar to the peaches. They very seldom produce a crop if planted as standards out in the open garden in Canterbury. The late spring frosts and chilly east winds usually destroy the blossoms or young fruit, if they happen to get set. On that account they require to be planted in a sheltered situation, where those frosts cannot reach them. Usually they are more successful when planted against a wall or side of a house and trained horizontally, facing a sunny aspect and pruned every season to keep them within bounds. They stand pruning well, as they produce fruit on the young and old wood very plentifully. It is better to prune late in the spring, when they are showing blossoms. The tips of the shoots bloom the earliest and the inner buds later. As it may be an advantage to keep the tree as late as possible from setting its fruit until the late frosts pass by -by pruning the tips which are most forward, it will keep the inner buds in check and bring them into bloom later on. When grown against a wall, they ought always be summer-pruned, as well as winter, so as to keep them neat and tidy in appearance, on account of the position they occupy, especially if against a house. They look very untidy when left to their own free will to produce, as is very often the case, shoots a yard These shoots should never be allowed to grow ; long. they take away the necessary sap which should go to nourish the fruit. A neatly trained tree against a wall or fence is pleasing to the eve.

Some people cover up their trees with serim in the spring time, when they are in blossom. If left on day and night the cure is worse than the disease. It shuts out a certain amount of light and air which is necessary for the development of the fruit. The consequence is that when the covering is taken off the tree is so delicate, from the nursing it has received, that exposure to the sun and light causes all the fruit to drop off, and very often the leaves as well. (This refers to peaches also.) When a tree is protected, the covering should be removed in the morning. Unless the night is very cold or likely to be frosty there will be no need to cover the tree at all. Never protect the tree unless you make up your mind to take away the covering in the morning. I have seen a number of peach trees covered up completely for a few weeks, and when they were uncovered every leaf dropped off. I have never seen them covered since -experience taught their owner a lesson. If the tree bears a heavy crop, this should be considerably thinned, so as to give the tree a chance of maturing a crop of size and flavor.

### THE PLUM TREE.

The plum tree succeeds fairly well in ordinary garden soil. In its young state it requires to be carefully pruned, so as to form a good head. During the summer a watch must be kept to encourage an even growth, by shortening back any of the wood which is inclined to grow too luxuriantly. Sometimes the tree is inclined to throw out soft woody succulent shoots which rob the others of their proper nourishment. Like other fruit trees, it must be summer-pruned in the usual way, and in winter spurred back to two or three eyes. A tree in a full-bearing state will not require much pruning. If allowed to bear heavy crops, it ought to get a mulch of good stable manure during summer to help it along—sometimes it gets exhausted through being left to bear too heavily, and in that case requires a little nourishment.

### THE JAPANESE PLUM.

This tree is often very unsatisfactory in producing a crop. It invariably shows a good deal of blossom, but very seldom produces a crop, except in very special seasons, when we have a very mild spring, free from frosts. The great drawback to this plum tree is that it comes into blossom too early in the season, and, during the setting period of the young fruit, it usually has the misfortune to encounter a late spring frost (speaking now of Canterbury), and the great expectations which naturally the grower forms from the abundance of blossoms, are doomed to disappointment. On this account the tree ought to be planted in a very shady situation, especially sheltering it from the easterly cold winds. They stand a better chance planted against a fence and trained as an espalier. They are inclined to make a very strong growth during the summer, and those shoots ought to be shortened back as occasion requires.

### THE CHERRY TREE.

This tree requires to be carefully pruned in its young state until it is fairly well established. Then it can take care of itself, except when the necessity arises of cutting an occasional branch which has grown out of place. Old trees require very little pruning. The tree bears in both old and new wood.

### Temuka.

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### (From our own correspondent.)

July 13.

Rev. Father Tymons, S.M., has been transferred to St. Mary's, Christehurch, for about three months. During his absence from Temuka the Marist Missionary Fathers will assist in the work of the parish.

The half-yearly meeting of the local branch of the Hibernian Society was held on Monday evening last. The president (Bro. M. Crannitch) presided over a good attendance. Two new members were initiated. The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows: -- President, Bro. J. Scott ; vice-president, Bro. M. Healy: secretary, Bro. T. Knight: treasurer, Bro. W. Hally: warden, Bro. W. D. Fitzgerald; guardian, Bro. J. Simpson; sick visitors, Bros. T. Brosnahan and E. Fitzgerald: auditors, Bros. W. Spillane and M. Healy. The newly elected officers were installed by Past President Bro. Crannitch, who wished one and all a happy term of office. Several members spoke in appreciative terms of the enthusiasm instilled into the branch by the outgoing president, who, on the formation of the branch six months ago, undertook the arduous task of guiding it, and carried out his duties in an admirable manner.

### CURE YOUR RHEUMATISM.

The many kinds of Rheumatism can be traced to the one cause -excess urie acid in the blood. Although this fact is recognised by the leading physicians and scientists, people still try to cure their Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, and Lumbago by embrocations and liniments and pills, instead of using a rational remody and rooting out the cause. If relief is to be obtained and a permanent cure effected RIIEUMO must be RHEUMO possesses the remarkable quality of taken. neutralising and removing this excess uric acid and its deposits from the system. It acts through the circulatory system of the blood, and thus expels the uric acid. No matter how long standing your case may be you can rely on RHEUMO effecting a cure. Mr. John Sullivan, Timaru Bottling Stores, Timaru, has great faith in RHEUMO. He has good reason to be. Read how it cured him :- 'I have taken your RIIEUMO for Rheumatic Gout, and have great faith in it. I can recommend it as a good medicine in Rheumatic cases. – John SULLIVAN. 2/6 or 4/6. -2/6 or 4/6.



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## The Catholic World

### BELGIUM

### A NATIONAL BASILICA.

Belgian Catholics propose to erect a National Basilica to the Sacred Heart, like that of the 'National Vow' of the French. The Basilica of Belgium is to be one of thanksgiving for the many benefits the country has received from God during the seventy-five years of its independence. The site of the basilica is a commanding one, on the Plateau of Kakelberg, and work has already commenced. A temporary chapel has been built for pflgrims and to serve the parish while the foundations of the great church are being laid. The archeoufraternity of the basilica, which has the work in hand already counts 80,000 members, so spontaneous bas been the response to this grand idea.

### CHINA

### BRAVE DEED BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

The following episode in connection with the 'White Wolf brigands is related in a letter from Auking. After alluding to the great worry and extra work entailed by the brigands, the writer says: - One of my offices was booted and burned down by the 'White Wolf' gaug, the clerk's son shot, and his wife and seven-year-old daughter carried away by the robbers. The clerk was wounded, and after being almost stripped to the skin, owed his life to the heroic intervention of the French Catholic priest, Father Gilbert, who stepped in between the clerk and the robbers (who were about to shoot him) and begged them not to kill an innocent and defenceless man, but if they must kill some one, and defenciess man, but if they must kill some one, then kill him the Father. That's the stuff the Cath-olic Fathers are made of. The robbers were so im-pressed with the bravery of the priest, that they ict the clerk go.' It was the same Father Gilbert (remarks the N.C. Daily News) who, at Linanchow, made his way back to the manual threads the bravits. way back to the convent, through the bandits, to see if he could help the aged Father Rich, who had been left alone, while his comrades were taken before 'White Wolf.' Truly, as the writer quoted above says, such deeds ' should be written up in letters of gold.

### DENMARK

### DECORATED BY THE KING.

Monsignor von Euch, Vicar-Apostolic of Denmark, who has done such wonders for the faith in that country during his long sojourn of fifty years, was recently honored by the King. His Majesty sent Prince Waldemar, his nephew, to the residence of Monsignor von Euch to ask his acceptance of the decoration and title of the Order of Daunebro. Monsignor von Euch accepted the decoration, not, as he said, for his own gratification, but as an honor to the Church, of which he is the representative and which has inspired his work. The courteous action of their sovereign has given great pleasure to the Catholies of Denmark, who have had an uphill fight against prejudice and bigotry, but are now coming into their own, thanks largely to their devoted Vicar-Apostolic.

### ITALY

### MONUMENT TO DON BOSCO.

The Town Council of Turin has voted £800 towards the erection of a monument to Don Bosco in that city. The monument is to be unveiled on August 16, 1915, when the centenary of his birth will be kept. The cost of the undertaking, which the Socialists have opposed in vain, will be £12,000, and it is being borne by the alumni of the Salesian Institutes the world over. The site is in front of the Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians, begun by Don Bosco in the Piazza of that name when he had but sixpence in his pocket.

### INDIA

### AN TRISH NUN HONORED.

Loreto Convent, Shillong, was the scene of a simple, pleasant ceremony a few weeks ago, when Sir Archdale Earle, Chief Commissioner of Assam, presented Mother Mary Mechtilda, the Superioress, with the Kaiser-1-Hind Gold Medal, awarded by the King for public service in India. The proceedings opened with the fine old Irish chorus, 'God save all here a delicate tribute to the green isle of Erin from which Mother Mary Mechtilda sailed for Iudia fifty years The address was read by Miss Iris Rees. ago. Archdale Earle then rose and made a short speech appropriate to the occasion. He gave a brief summary of Mother Mechilda's fifty years of unremitting labor and sacrifice in the cause of education in India, and of the success which had followed all her efforts, justifying her being singled out for special distinction by the King-Emperor. After pinning on the medal, Sir Archdalo Earle congratulated the recipient with kindly affection, and hoped that for many years to come she might wear the honor among her friends in Assam. The strains of the National Anthem brought the happy ceremony to a close

### ROME

### NEWLY-DISCOVERED CATACOMBS.

When his Eminence Cardinal O'Connell was in Rome last year one of the places he visited was the newly-discovered catacomb ten miles distant from Rome on the Via Latina, known as the Tusculan Catacombs ad Decimum. Strange to say, a recent number of the Osservatore Romano contains an account of recent discoveries in this catacomb which seem to establish that it was founded at an earlier period than was at first imagined the third century instead of the fourth. Most interesting inscriptions have been found in it, one of them recording the name of a certain Faustus, who is described as an 'Exoreist'---one of the minor orders. Another bears the name of Januarius, who is mentioned as 'Deacon.' A fragment of a marble inscription bears only one word : 'Presbyter'--Priest. These are valuable documents which show that the various grades of the sacerdotal order were in existence in this little country village, whose dead were placed to rest in this simple catacomb, between the third and fourth centuries of the Christian era.

### UNITED STATES

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### WINDFALL FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

The Catholic University of America at Washington will receive the greater part of the estate of a million dollars left by Theodore B. Basselin, of Croghan, N.Y. He makes a request that a hall to cost one hundred thousand dollars be crected in connection with the university, and that his name be suitably recognised by the institution. The object of his bequest is stated in his will to be the specially fitting and educating worthy, talented young men who are studying for the priesthood, to be selected by the board of trustees from Catholic seminaries and institutions of learning wherever situated, their education and learning to be free of charge for a period of three years. He gives 25,000 dollars for a parochial school at Croghan, and 100,000 dollars is put in trust for many years for its maintenance.

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## Domestic

By MAUREEN.

### Orange Jelly.

Put into a clean saucepan two and a half heaped tablespoonfuls of powdered gelatine, add rind of four oranges, juice of eight oranges, rind and juice of one lemon, five tablespoonfuls of sugar, two inches of cinuamon stick, one bay leaf, whites and shells of two eggs, enough water to make one quart with orange and lemon juice. Whisk over the fire until boiling, then remove heater, allow to boil up, draw on one side, leave covered for ten minutes, then pour through a hot jelly bag. Pour into a wet mould. Turn out when firm and serve garnished with halves of apricots, the stones of which have been removed and blanched almonds put in their place.

Washing and Starching Collars.

Use a laundry brush when washing the collars, to scrub every particle of dirt from them. To give a gloss to the collars when ironed, add to a pint of starch when boiling a piece of mutton tallow the size of a pea, or, better still, a small piece of white wax. Much depends upon boiling the starch thoroughly if a glossy surface is desired; it should also be strained. Dip and wring out the collar several times, that it may be evenly and thoroughly incorporated with the starch; then dry on the line. Before ironing dip and wring out a weak solution of cold starch, roll up, and let the collars remain two hours before ironing them.

### How to Fold a Coac.

Always turn up the collars of coats before folding them. This prevents ugly creasing. Lay the coat lining downwards, and fold the sleeves in two towards the shoulder. Then fold the coat in two, shoulder to shoulder. Make a dent at each armpit, and double it once more from the base to the collar. In packing a frock-coat follow the same process, folding the garment over from the lapels downwards over the sleeves before doubling the first time, and the tails up towards the collar before putting in the last fold.

### Jam Roll.

Stir well into 2 ounces of flour a heaped teaspoon ful of baking powder and a tiny pinch of salt, beat up two eggs with 2 ounces of castor sugar for ten minutes, then add the flour very gradually, stirring gently till it is all mixed. Dust a baking tin with flour, and pour the mixture in : smooth with a spoon to n ake it level and of the same thickness. Bake it about ten minutes of a nice light brown. Dust some castor sugar on a sheet of clean paper, and turn the cake out on it on the under and pale side. Spread raspberry jam, and roll it up gently in the paper : let it remain rolled up till nearly cold, as it is apt to break. This is a most delicate and digestible way of making them. They are much lighter than being made with butter.

### Household Hints.

If the edges of a saucepan are well buttered the contents will not hold over.

To relieve toothache, rub baking sola round the tooth and rinse the mouth with bot water.

When putting a stopper into a bottle always give it a balf-turn round after it is in. This will prevent it from sticking.

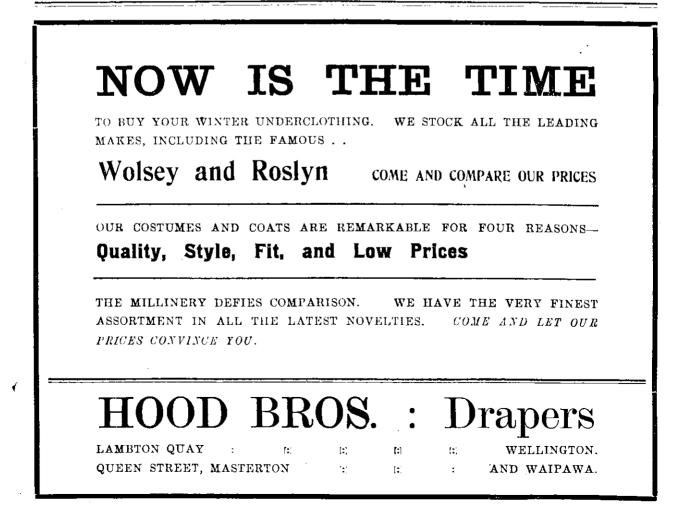
It is a good plan to pepper a carpet thickly just where any heavy piece of furniture has to rest on it, as this helps to keep moths, etc., away.

The creaking of a door may be instantly stopped by rubbing the binge with a piece of soap. It does not spoil the look of the paint as when oil is used.

Used in water as a daily gargle, borax keeps the throat healthy. Used in water for cleansing the teeth, it disinfects them and prevents their decaying.

Directly tea is split on a tablecloth cover the stain with common salt. Leave for a while, and when the cloth is washed all stains will have disappeared.





THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1914.



## On the Land

SUBSCRIBER.---In order to get early potatoes sprouted in preparation for planting, you should place the tubers with eyes upwards in shallow boxes exposed to the light, in a shed or spare room. If treated in this way the potatoes will soon commence to push growth from the main eyes. When the sprouts are about two inches in height it will be time enough to plant.

### GENERAL.

The first World's Poultry Congress will be held, on the invitation of the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, at the Hague in 1916. Particulars of arrangements will be issued in due course when these are sufficiently advanced to do so.

There was the usual attendance at Burnside last week, prices ruling as under: -Sheep.—A smaller yarding than has been usual of late. Wethers of all classes were keenly competed for, and late rates wero maintained, but ewes were, if anything, a shade easier. Export buyers were operating for all suitable freezing sheep, and a total clearance was easily effected. Quotations: Best wethers, 22s to 25s; extra, to 28s; light and unfinished, 20s to 21s 6d; best ewes, 17s 6d to 20s; extra heavy, to 30s; others, 12s to 16s 6d. Lambs... There was the usual atendance of export buyers, and prices were slightly better than last week. Fat Cattle...-A full yarding. The sale opened well, with values quite on a par with last week, prime cattle, if anything, being in keener demand. Quotations: Best bullocks, £11 to £13; extra heavy, to £15; others, £9 10s to £10 10s; best cows and heifers, £8 to £10; others, £5 to £7.

At Addington last week entries of stock generally were somewhat smaller than at previous week's sale, fat sheep and fat cattle being exceptions. Fat cattle were easier, as were fat lambs, of which there was only a small entry. Fat sheep sold well, and there was no change in pigs. Fat Lambs .- Extra prime tegs, to 25s 6d; tegs, 19s 6d to 22s 6d; average weights, 17s 6d to 19s; light and unfinished, 14s to 17s. Fat Sheep. Extra prime wethers to 38s 6d; prime wethers, 23s to 28s; others, 18s 11d to 22s 6d; merino wethers, 19s 5d to 22s 6d; prime ewes, 20s to 23s 10d; medium, 17s 6d to 19s 6d; aged and light, 11s 9d to 17s; merino ewes, 13s 5d to 16s. Fat Cattle .- Steers, £7 2s 6d to £11; extra good steers, to £16: heifers, £6 to £8 10s: extra good heifers, to £11 17s 6d; cows, £5 17s 6d to £7 5s; extra good cows, to £11 7s 6d: prices per 100lb, 28s to 32s 6d. Fat Pigs.—Choppers, 70s to 90s; heavy baconers, 65s to 70s; extra heavy baconers, ordinary baconers, 52s 6d to -60s- to 73s; price per lb, 5d to 51d; heavy porkers, 44s to 47s; other porkers, 38s to 42s -price per lb, 6d to 61d. Store Pigs.-- Large stores, 45s to 49s 6d : medium stores, 38s to 44s : small stores, 28s to 37s : weapers, 9s : for very small sorts, to 21s 6d : for extra good sows in pig, to £5 10s; sows with litters, £6 10s.

### 'DON'TS' FOR CATTLE FEEDING.

Some excellent hints for milk producers are in a paper contributed to the *Bath and West Journal* by Dr. Milburn. They are:—

Don't use a food merely because it is in fashion, for ' the price may be higher than its contents justify.

Don't buy mouldy and damaged cakes or meals because they are offered at a low price, for they are likely to be dear in the end.

Don't forget that patent foods are usually sold at a high price in proportion to the feeding material contained in them, and further, that there is an element of doubt regarding their digestibility and manurial value.

Don't forget the great importance of 'balance' in the ration—i.e., the proportion of nitrogenous to nonnitrogenous material.

Don't be too liberal with cake during the flush of grass in early summer. It is doubtful if it pays.

Don't forget that a mixture of meals usually gives more economical results than any single meal, and is less likely to taint the milk.

Don't feed cottoncake to very young animals, nor to milk cows near the time of calving.

Don't forget that salt forms a valuable addition to the ration for farm stock; it enhances its palatability, and in other ways acts beneficially.

Don't lorget that palatability, though adding nothing material to the food, is of importance.

### AN ORIGINAL CONCRETE SILO.

On a farm of the Donald Estate, Featherston, the manager has constructed a concrete silo on somewhat original principles, the object being to reduce the cost of making to a minimum (says the *Journal of Agriculture*). The silo is a simple concrete tank, of a height of 10ft, half of this being below the ground surface and half above it. The area of the tank is 21ft by 18ft. The walls are 8in thick. A roadway, 4ft high at the highest part, was built against the tank, to facilitate filling operations. The silo was filled with oats cut in the milk stage, and these were silaged in the sheaf form. When the filling process had got beyond the first stages 4in by 2in uprights were employed, to hold the material in position and allow it to settle evenly. No roof is provided, earth being piled on the material to exclude the air.

### MALTING BARLEY: INFLUENCE OF POTASH AND PHOSPHATES ON QUALITY.

In some experiments carried out in Germany with the object of ascertaining how, and under what conditions, the application of potash and phosphates affects the quality of malting barley, the following results were obtained (according to a paragraph in the *Journal of* the Board of Agriculture):---

It was found that the application of a phosphatic manure enabled the plant to utilise more freely both potash and nitrogen. There was shown to be a real need for potash when medium and heavy dressings of phosphate were given.

In every case manuring with potash and phosphate produced an increased grass yield, while the albuminoid content in the grain was diminished.

Apart from the yield, the dry matter contained in the grain increased almost regularly with increased applications of potash and phosphates. Whether this was due to a higher degree of maturity of the better nourished barley or to a larger deposit of potash and phosphates in the grain, was not determined.

In most cases there was an improvement in weight, conformity to type, and proportion of chaff.

Increase in weight was generally accompanied by greater conformity to type, but by a decrease in the weight of chaff.

Manuring with potash and phosphates resulted in a noticeable, if not pronounced, improvement in the germinating power.

Barley manured with potash and phosphates had almost always a canary yellow color.

Generally the results showed that potash phosphatic manuring produced a general improvement in the quality of the barley.

Based on the results obtained in the experiments, the following conclusions are arrived at with regard to the manuring of barley for malting purposes. To obtain the best quality, nitrogen should be available in minimum quantities: this end may be most safely attained by the omission of nitrogenous manuring and by a liberal manuring with potash and phosphates. If the highest yield is desired it may be considered advisable to apply a nitrogenous manure. It should be remembered, however, that the largest yield is not consistent with the best quality: there is, however, a point up to which nitrogenous manuring may increase the yield without leading to deterioration in quality. The attainment of this aim is dependent upon suitable manuring with potash and phosphates.

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## The Family Circle

### TO A DAISY.

Slight as thou art, thou art enough to hide Like all created things, secrets from me, And stand a barrier to eternity.

And 1, how can I praise thee well and wide From where 1 dwell -- upon the hither side?

Thou little veil for so great mystery, When shall I penetrate all things and thee, And then look hack ? For this I must abide, Till thou shalt grow and fold and be unfurled Literally between me and the world,

Then I shall drink from in beneath a spring, And from a poet's side shall read his book. O daisy mine, what will it be to look

From God's side even of such a simple thing? ALICE MEYNELL.

### ONLY A DREAM.

'Oh, dear me,' exclaimed Nan Wethers, as she slammed a dish on the table, 'all I do is work, work, work! I'm just sick and tired of dishes, housework, children, and everything else! Don't I wish I was rich? and she threw herseli in the rocking chair.

At such an outburst from gentle Nan, who was always so patient and kind, always the one to preach and make things easy when anything went wrong, her mother and brother turned in surprise.

"Whew,' whistled brother Tom. Then he added: 'If wishes were horses and horses were men,' but he was silenced with a look from his mother, who remarked pleasantly: I'm sorry, too, we aren't blessed with the riches of this world, but don't you want to go on an errand down town for me?"

Nan dressed herself hurriedly. She herself was surprised and sorry at her outburst, but now that the words were said she felt they were true.

When she returned from the city, her mother handed her a letter which read:

'Dear Nan,

"It has just occurred to me that your nineteenth birthday will be next week and that you are quite grown up. Now you have just reached an age when a visit to the city will be most beneficial. Won't you come to New York and stay with me for two months? Of course you will have every pleasure-automobiling, theatre parties, etc.

'Expecting an early acceptance, I remain, Your affectionate aunt,

' MARY HOLMES. Nan closed the letter in silence. Now was her chance. If she couldn't have the pleasures all the time, she would at least have a taste of it. Sitting down at her desk, she penned a delighted acceptance, and as the excitement had somewhat turned her head she lay down on the bed.

Suddenly she found herself entering the large, beautiful house of her aunt. The pompous dignity of the butler impressed her; the affectionate greeting of her aunt pleased her. In fact the novelty of everything was delightful. Having made the acquaintance of all her aunt's friends, she settled down to a series of dinners, balls, and theatre parties. But soon she began to weary of so many pleasures. She missed the hurry and bustle of the early mornings. O, how she longed to get breakfast or hurry the children off to school. Well, taking it all together, she was homesick.

Suddenly there was a crash- and Nan opened her eyes to discover herself sitting on the floor in her own little room, gazing stupidly around her, and all at once her dream came back to her.

Jumping up from the floor she ran out into the kitchen, and throwing herself into the arms of her bewildered mother she sobbed ;

'Oh, mother, I'm not going to Aunt Mary's. I'd rather stay home with you and the children-and work.'

### NOT THE RIGHT THING.

The other morning Mrs. Jones went to see her neighnor, Mrs. Smith." It was obvious that she was greatly upset about something. . . Ull have to get rid of Fido, she burst out. The broke into the larder yesterday."

'Dear mel' said Mrs. Smith, sympathetically, 'Did he eat much?'

Mrs. Jones tried hard to speak calmly, while her eyes blazed with righteous wrath and burning indignation, as she replied:

\* Every single thing except the dog bisenits !!

### A CENIUS.

A correspondent of the New York Sun quotes a remarkable tribute of a Negro preacher to a white preacher who had consented to occupy the black brother's pulpit one Sunday. He said :

' Dis noted divine is one ob de greatest men ob do age. He knows de unknowable, he kin do de undoable, an' he kin onscrew de onscrutable!

### THE FOE OF GERMS.

While it has long been known that tobacco smoke is a valuable preventative against infection during the epidemic of a contagious disease, it is only recently that an analysis of smoke-laden air in an East-end (London) district has been contrasted with equally dense air in which tobacco fumes were lacking (says a writer in Tit Bits). These analyses have shown that more than one-half of the harmful germs had been destroyed by the tobacco smoke. This fact has unconsciously been the means of preventing large loss of life, as was noted in the recent cholera epidemic in Germany, when workers in cigar factories were found to be immune to cholera, and wherein the victims were mainly from the non-smokers of the city.

Experiments conducted in a cholera-stricken house. one floor of which was occupied with a eigar factory. led Professor Wencke, of the Imperial Institute of Berlin, to the conclusion that the cholera germs cannot endure tobacco smoke. It was found that saliva containing virulent germs was completely sterilised by five minutes exposure to tobacco smoke.

It was further discovered that, although the water used in the tobacco factory, both for drinking water and in moistening the cigars, was full of septic bacteria, not a cigarmaker sickened, and the cigars themselves were free of the deadly peril. Determining to put the issue to a drastic test, a few tobacco leaves were moistened with water, a glass tumblerful of which contained over a million active germs, whereupon it was found that within twenty-four hours every one of the bacilli was dead.

It has been a matter of common knowledge that inflammations of the mouth are feuded off by the use of tobacco, and that unhealthy conditions of the mouth can never be traced to smoking, unless the habit is excessive. Now it appears that the smoker in a crowded room is truly a benefactor to humanity instead of the selfish brute some people would have us believe.

### DID NOT KNOW HER.

At a meeting of elergymen, a curate was anxious to bring himself under the notice of the archbishop. He informed his Grace that he had recently seen a

wonderful example of the ways of Providence. 'Your Grace.' said the curate, 'my aunt intended taking a railway journey, but missed the train, owing to her cab being held up. That very train met with an accident, and many passengers were killed and in-jured. Was not that a wonderful intervention of Providence?

The archbishop looked at the curate, and, after pausing for a moment, simply said :

'I didn't know your aunt.'



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### OBEVING ORDERS.

'Now, Alice,' said Mrs. Bounce to her newest domestic, 'whilst I'm out just pare the potatoes and get them ready. I shall not be long gone.

About an hour later Mrs. Bounce came back from her shopping expedition, bringing the meat that was destined to accompany the potatoes to the dinner table. Alice was calmly seated on the floor, and around her a goodly collection of the delectable tubers.

"Good gracious!" exclaimed the horrified mistress. "What in the name of all that's wonderful are you doing?"

Doin', ma'am? replied the fair maid-of-all-work. "Doin' what ye told me, indeed. I've done the best I could, too.' Then she pointed to the potatoes. 'I've paired off all of 'ein, ma'am,' she mumbled, 'but, try as I will, I can't find a mate for this little beggar.

### AT THE RACES.

Just before the big race of the day two men saluted each other and entered into conversation. A well-dressed young man in front soon spotted something glittering on the floor at their feet; he neatly dropped his handkerchief, and stooping down picked it up together with a half-sovereign, which he transferred to an inside pocket.

Very soon after one of the men, on feeling in all

his pockets, said: Bill, I've lost half a quid. I must have dropped it at the turnstiles. I'll go and see.

Bill then approached the well-dressed young man, and said:

'Matey, I saw you pick that half-sovereign up, and if you will give me five bob 1'll keep mum.

The young man, after turning all colors of the rainbow, thereupon handed over five shillings, and thought that he had made a good deal. But at close of racing his hopes were shattered. On looking at the half-sovereign he discovered it to be a wrong 'un.'

### THE RIGHT KIND OF PRIDE.

Once at a boarding school some girls were trying to humiliate a new scholar whose hands were red and who looked as if she knew how to work. They were boasting of what they could do, apparently thinking she would be ashamed of being a working girl. 'Why,' said one of them, 'I never did a stroke

of work in my life.'

'You didn't?' said the country girl. \* Don't you know how to wash dishes?"

'Oh, no, indeed !'

' Can't you cook ?'

No.'

'Wash, iron, bake, or scrub?' 'No! No!' said the girls, all at once. 'We have servants to do those things.

Can't you sew ?' asked the country girl. 'Well,' said one of them, 'I made an apron once, but it was so poorly done that my mother had to rip it all out.

Well,' said the country girl, 'I would be ashamed to be as helpless as you are-to be like a baby and have someone to wait on me. You may talk about your father's being worth money, but 1'm worth something in myself. I cook, wash, sew, scrub, bake, and iron and milk and make butter, I am proud of what I can do, and never would think of boasting about what I can't do.'

It is not the amount of money that measures your value. Our value lies in what we are, and not in what we possess, A woman may possess thousands yet be worth very little. Another may have only two strong hands and a firm intellect and be worth a great deal.

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### FAMILY FUN

### TRICKS, ILLUSIONS, AND INDOOR AMUSEMENTS.

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So Near and Yet So Far. - Throw a handkerchief on the floor and, supporting yourself on your right hand and both feet with the remainder of the body clear of the floor-pick up the handkerchief with your mouth. The feat seems easier than it is.

The Brush that Won't Brush .-- The conjurer borrows a sixpenny piece and places it on the palm of his outstretched left hand. He then takes an ordinary long clothes brush, which, he says, is a brush that won't brush. In proof of this statement he offers to give the sixpence to anyone who will brush it off his hand. The only condition made is that the middle part of the brush only is to be used, not the ends. If these directions are followed no one will succeed in removing the sixpence.

Balancing the Penny. This trick may be per-formed with the aid of a long strip of paper and a penny. One end of the strip is placed on the edge of a glass tumbler, and the penny is placed on top of this and balanced perfectly. The conjurer now takes the other end of the paper and holds it on a level with the top of the tumbler. He now invites someone to pull away the paper without upsetting the balanced coin. There will be many failures to perform this feat until the conjurer shows how it should be done by hitting the strip of outstretched paper a sharp blow in the centre with the disengaged hand. The blow must be very sharp otherwise the penny will fall.

The Adhering Coin. Optical illusions are not the only ones by which persons can be deceived, as the following neat trick will show. Take a small coin say a sixpenny piece and tell someone that if he lets you press it to his forehead for a few seconds he will find it impossible to remove it without using his hands. If he defies you, and tells you to go ahead, step behind him and press the money to his forchead for ten or twelve seconds. Then remove your hand and bid the victim get rid of the coin. He will shake his head and make many laughable grimaces in the effort, but the coin will not fall for the very excellent reason that when you removed your hand you also removed the coin, though the assistant imagined he still felt it.

The Movable Fetters. Many a professional conjurer has used with great success the following trick. The performer brings forward a piece of very thick string or sash-cord and asks someone to tie one end tightly round his right wrist. The knots may be made in any manner the volunteer assistant pleases. The performer then places his hands behind his back and asks that his left hand be tied tightly close to the right. This is done, but before the assistant has had time to get to his place the conjurer pats him on the back. It is obvious that in some mysterious way the performer has released his hands from their bonds. In the fraction of a second, however, he again places his hands behind his back, and when the inquisitive assistant looks behind him he sees that the conjurer is tied up as securely as before. To prove this the conjurer turns round with his back to the audience and shows his hands tied tightly together. The whole secret of this marvellous trick is that if a piece of cord is tied round one wrist it is impossible for anyone to tie the other wrist without making a slip not. It does not matter how many knots are made, the first one must be a slip knot, and therefore all the other knots can be slipped up the string. All that the conjurer has to do is to put his finger in the loop that encircles his left wrist and pull on it. When he has released this hand the loop hangs down from the right wrist. To get to the position of 'as you were' the conjurer slips his left hand once more through the loop and pushes up the knots quite close to the left wrist.

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